

Two Ways to Add

Name: _____

Date: _____

Numbers to 20 - solve each problem both ways.

Solve each one twice. Both ways are good ones - which felt faster for you?

1) $6 + 19 =$ _____

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$19 + 1 =$ _____

add what is left

_____ $+ 5 =$ _____

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$19 + 5 =$ _____

then add the other 1

_____ $+ 1 =$ _____

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

2) $16 + 7 =$ _____

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$16 + 4 =$ _____

add what is left

_____ $+ 3 =$ _____

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$16 + 5 =$ _____

then add the other 2

_____ $+ 2 =$ _____

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

3) $9 + 11 =$ _____

Way A
Add Too Much, Take Back

add 10 instead

$11 + 10 =$ _____

take back the extra 1

_____ $- 1 =$ _____

Way B
Use a Double

double the smaller number

$9 + 9 =$ _____

add the 2 extra

_____ $+ 2 =$ _____

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

4) $8 + 18 =$ _____

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$18 + 2 =$ _____

add what is left

_____ $+ 6 =$ _____

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$18 + 5 =$ _____

then add the other 3

_____ $+ 3 =$ _____

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B



Answer Key

Two Ways to Add - Numbers to 20

Every step is filled in. Check your work.

Solve each one twice. Both ways are good ones - which felt faster for you?

1) $6 + 19 = \underline{25}$

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$$19 + 1 = \underline{20}$$

add what is left

$$\underline{20} + 5 = \underline{25}$$

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$$19 + 5 = \underline{24}$$

then add the other 1

$$\underline{24} + 1 = \underline{25}$$

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

2) $16 + 7 = \underline{23}$

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$$16 + 4 = \underline{20}$$

add what is left

$$\underline{20} + 3 = \underline{23}$$

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$$16 + 5 = \underline{21}$$

then add the other 2

$$\underline{21} + 2 = \underline{23}$$

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

3) $9 + 11 = \underline{20}$

Way A
Add Too Much, Take Back

add 10 instead

$$11 + 10 = \underline{21}$$

take back the extra 1

$$\underline{21} - 1 = \underline{20}$$

Way B
Use a Double

double the smaller number

$$9 + 9 = \underline{18}$$

add the 2 extra

$$\underline{18} + 2 = \underline{20}$$

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

4) $8 + 18 = \underline{26}$

Way A
Make a Ten

jump to the next ten

$$18 + 2 = \underline{20}$$

add what is left

$$\underline{20} + 6 = \underline{26}$$

Way B
Use Five

add the 5 first

$$18 + 5 = \underline{23}$$

then add the other 3

$$\underline{23} + 3 = \underline{26}$$

Both ways give the same answer. Which one felt faster? ☐ Way A ☐ Way B

