



Parts Equal Total

Use this structure when the math main idea of the story describes:

- composing parts, groups, sets, or amounts to form a total
- decomposing a total into parts, groups, sets, or amounts

Example: Ms. Felder has 8 balloons. Three are red. The rest are yellow. How many are yellow?

8 balloons

**3 balloons
(red)**

**— balloons
(yellow)**