For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Who Knocked at the Dock?

You do not need to print this page. Try a little hint first, then check the answer if you need it.

AGE 2.5-3 | Listen and point

> **Little hint:** Touch a friend each time you hear a knock.
> **Answer:** 2 knocks. Point to the middle field with two dots.
> **Why:** There are two friends on the raft, with one knock for each friend.

AGE 4 | Listen, join, and circle

> **Little hint:** Keep counting when the next group of knocks begins.
> **Answer:** 3 knocks. Mark the middle field with three dots.
> **Why:** Two knocks and one more make three altogether. The pause does not start the count again.

AGE 5 | Listen and look closely

> **Little hint:** Which friends have their feet on the raft?
> **Answer:** 3 knocks. Mark the middle field with three dots.
> **Why:** Count the three passengers. The two friends waiting on land are outside the group being counted.

AGES 6-7 | Listen, combine, and think ahead

> **1. Knocks for both rafts**
> **Little hint:** Count across both rafts without starting over.
> **Answer:** 5 knocks. Mark 5 in the middle field of the first answer row.
> **Why:** Two friends and three friends make five altogether.

> **2. One friend steps ashore**
> **Little hint:** Cover any one friend, then count the friends still on the rafts.
> **Answer:** 4 friends stay. Mark 4 in the middle field of the second answer row.
> **Why:** Five friends minus one leaves four; any one of the five friends may step ashore, and the answer stays the same.

Gentle support

Pointing, speaking, or tapping can show understanding when making a mark is difficult. Optional coloring has no single correct pattern; do not grade colors or drawing neatness.