For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Capuchin: Two Hands, One Number

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No need to print this page. Try a little hint first; check the answer when you need it.

AGE 2.5-3 - Count and point

Little hint: Touch each raised finger once, then compare the dot groups.

Answer: 2 - the middle box with two dots. Each pictured hand shows one raised finger.

AGE 4 - Find the missing part

Little hint: Try a choice with the hand on the sign. Do the raised fingers match the goal dots?

Answer: 3 - the middle hand with three raised fingers. 2 + 3 = 5.

AGE 5 - Look for the empty part

Little hint: Look at the hand on the sign. Does it already match the goal dots?

Answer: 0 - the rightmost picture, a closed fist. 5 + 0 = 5.

Why: A closed fist adds no raised fingers. Zero is an answer, not an unanswered space.

AGES 6-7 - Keep the same total

Task 1 - How many fingers altogether?

Little hint: Touch every raised finger on both pictured hands, counting each only once.

Answer: 8. Accept the numeral 8 or eight dots. 5 + 3 = 8.

Task 2 - Change the hands, keep the total

Little hint: The left hand shows fewer fingers now. What must change on the other hand to keep the total?

Answer: 4. Accept the numeral 4 or four dots. The new pair is 4 + 4 = 8.

Why: One part decreases while the other increases; the whole stays the same.

A gentle way to help

Accept pointing or a spoken answer when writing is difficult; writing skill is not the mathematical goal. Coloring is optional, with no single correct color choice.