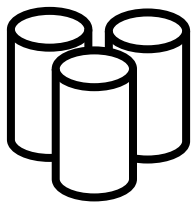Name _____   Date _____
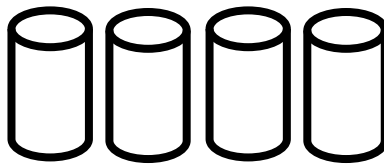
Addition and Subtraction Word Problems Step-by-Step Lesson

Addition Problem:

Nelson and Nick are roommates at the summer camp. Since they are at a swimming camp, it is very important to drink plenty of juice. Nelson brought 3 cans of juice to camp. Nick brought 4 cans of juice. How many cans of juice did they bring all together?

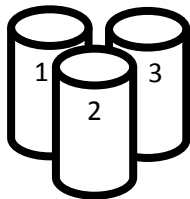Nelson's Cans   Nick's Cans

Explanation:

Step 1) First we look to see what is being asked of us.

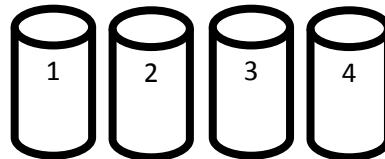"How many cans of juice did they bring **all together**?"

The words "all together" tell us that the problem asks for a total of the group. A total means that you need to add everything up.

We could do this two different ways 1) Count all the cans or 2) Add the number of cans that Nelson has and add them to the number of cans Nick has.

$$3 \quad + \quad 4 \quad = 7$$

This answer is that Nelson and Nick together have 7 cans.