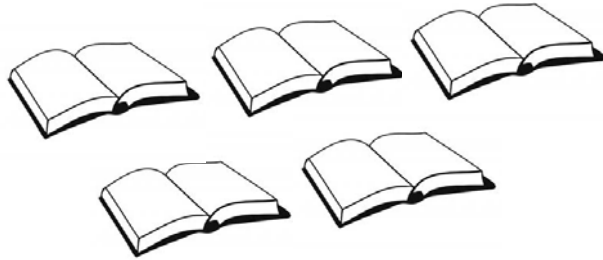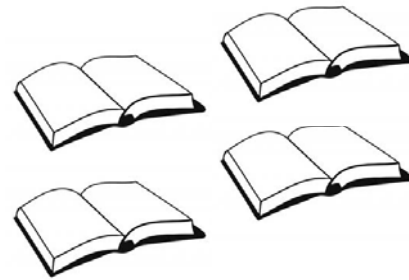Name _____   Date _____

Add and Subtract within 100 - Step-by-Step Lesson

One and Two Step Word Problems:

A princess gets locked in a tower. To pass the time, she read 12 books. She read 5 magazines, 4, novels and ____ books of rhymes. How many books of rhymes did she read?

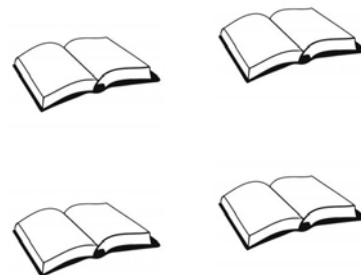Princess magazines   Princess novel

Explanation: The words "how many" tell us that the problem asks for a total of the group. A total means that you need to add everything up. We already have the total number of books she read (12). What we want to know is how many of those books are rhyme books.

We could do this by either of two ways: 1) Count all the books and find how many we need to make 12 or 2) Add the number of books that the princess read and then subtract it from the total number of books she read.

    5   **+**   **4**   **=**   **9**

We know the princess read 12 books out of which 5 are magazines and 4 are novels. The rest are rhyme books. So that means that 5 + 4 = 9 books are not rhyme books.

9 + _____ = 12   or   12 − 9 = 3

So, she read 3 books of rhymes.