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Missing Operations (Add and Subtract) - Guided Lesson Explanation

For all of the problems, there are only two possibilities for the missing operations (addition + or subtraction -). Test both possibilities to see which one works to give you the total on the other side of the equal sign.

Explanation#1

We will cross out the answer with the wrong sign.

Addition

$$\cancel{17 + 7 = 10}$$

Subtraction

$$17 - 7 = 10$$

So the correct answer is $17 - 7 = 10$.

Explanation#2

We will cross out the answer with the wrong sign

Addition

$$16 + 3 = 19$$

Subtraction

$$\cancel{16 - 3 = 10}$$

So the correct answer is $16 + 3 = 19$.

Explanation#3

We will cross out the answer with the wrong sign

Addition

$$\cancel{14 + 9 = 5}$$

Subtraction

$$14 - 9 = 5$$

So the correct answer is $14 - 9 = 5$.

