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Missing Operations (Add and Subtract) - Step-by-Step Lesson

Find the missing operation symbol that would make this equation true.

$$8 \text{ ____ } 9 = 17$$

**Explanation:**

For all of the problems in this section, 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.

We will cross out the answer with the wrong sign

Addition

$$8 + 9 = 17$$

Subtraction

$$8 - 9 = 17$$

So the correct answer is $8 + 9 = 17$.

