

# Spanky the Three-Toed Slothematician

## Student Section

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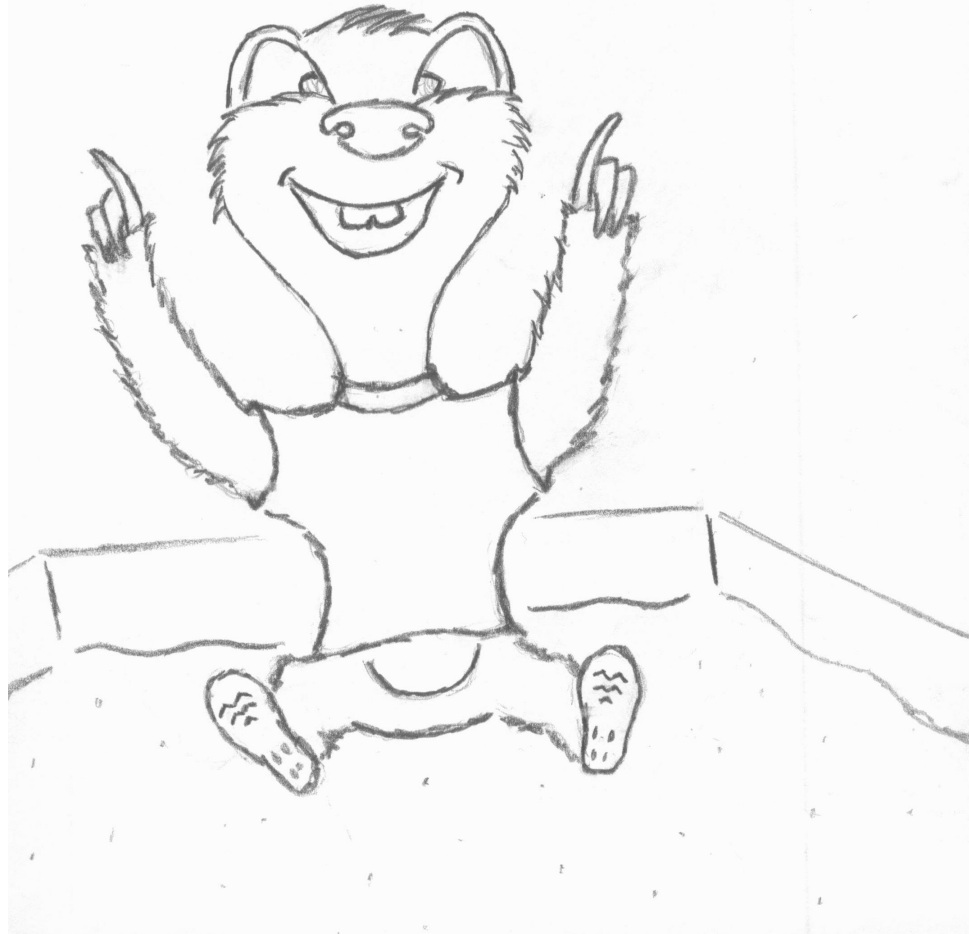
Spanky the Three-Toed Slothematician was outside in his sandbox.  
But he was not playing in the sand. He was learning how to add. His  
sister already knew how to add because she was in second grade.  
Spanky wanted to learn, too.



Spanky was using his toes to count like he had seen his sister do.

When he wanted to add one plus one, he held up one toe on his left hand and one toe on his right hand. Then he counted, "One, two."

Spanky was proud of himself. He wrote in his notebook: **1+1=2**. Then he wrote one more time in the sand: **1+1=2**. He smiled in delight as he looked at his work.



Spanky thought to himself, "That was much too easy. Let me try adding  $2 + 3$  now."

Draw a picture of what Spanky's two sloth hands might look like if he is trying to add  $2 + 3$ .

Spanky's Equation:

Adding numbers made Spanky so happy that he decided to try a problem that he thought would be REALLY hard. He decided to add  $3 + 4$ . He tried and he tried, but Spanky could not figure out a way to add three plus four.

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| Draw two different ways to figure out $3 + 4$ . |  |
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Just when Spanky was about to give up on the problem, his cousin, Tulip the two-toed sloth, came over to the sandbox from across the playground. “Hi, Spanky,” said Tulip. “What’s the matter?”

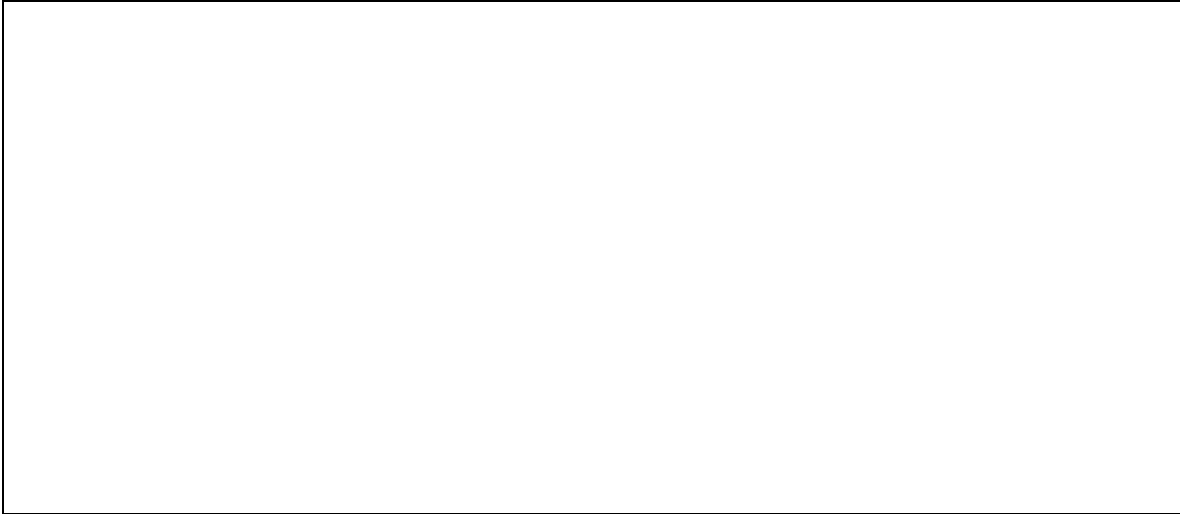
Spanky explained that he was having trouble adding  $3 + 4$  because he only had three toes on each hand. Tulip thought that she could help.



Talk to a friend! Decide how Spanky and Tulip can use their sloth hands to add  $3 + 4$ .

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| Can you find 4 more addition facts that have the same sum as $3 + 4$ ? |  |
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Oh no! The author forgot to write a great ending for this story. Think of another problem that you think Spanky and Tulip should work together to solve.



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