Algebra: Add 3 Numbers
Adding three numbers involves two steps.

Step 1: Mentally add the first two numbers.

Step 2: Add the other number to this sum.
Examples:

Write the sum

1) 3 + 2 + 7

$$\underbrace{3 + 2}_{3+2=5} + 7$$
$$= 5 + 7$$
$$= 12$$

2) 1 + 1 + 6

$$\underbrace{1 + 1}_{1+1=2} + 6$$
$$= 2 + 6$$
$$= 8$$

3) 4 + 7 + 2

$$\underbrace{4 + 7}_{4+7=11} + 2$$
$$= 11 + 2$$
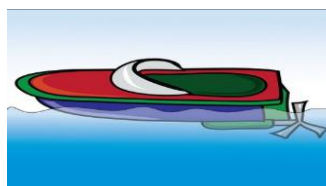$$= 13$$

4) 4 + 5 + 8

$$\underbrace{4 + 5}_{4+5=9} + 8$$
$$= 9 + 8$$
$$= 17$$

My Real Life
A) Lin has 3 red fish, 4 blue fish, and 5 yellow fish. How many fish does Lin have?

3 + 4 + 5 = __12__ fish

B) Amir has 3 blue boats, 2 red boats, and 3 yellow boats. How many boats does he have?

3 + 2 + 3 = __8__ boats