

Fact Families

1st Grade

One triangle, four facts — addition and subtraction are the same thing.

Three numbers that belong together make two addition facts and two subtraction facts.

$$8 + 5 = 13$$

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$$13$$

The two parts make the whole.

$$5 + 8$$

$$13$$

Order does not matter for addition.

$$13 - 5$$

$$8$$

Take one part away, the other part is left.

$$13 - 8$$

$$5$$

Same whole, other part removed.

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× $13 + 5 = 8$

✓ $13 - 5 = 8$

The biggest number is always the whole. It goes first in subtraction and last in addition.

Learn families, not facts. It halves how much there is to remember.