

Sample A

ThinkLink Benchmark #1
CR Grade 5

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13

Maria 9

Emma 4

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ - 4 \\ \hline 9 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 9 \\ - 5 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ + 9 \\ \hline 13 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 13 \\ + 13 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$$

I found out how old each girl by taking 13 and took away 4 which is 9. Then I took 9 and subtracted 5 which is 4. If you add the numbers up it is 26.

Sample B

Problem C

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13

Maria 9

Emma 4

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Rose: } 13 \\ \text{Maria: } 9 \\ \text{Emma: } 4 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$$

I kept subtracting Emmas age to 4. Then I added 4 + 5 and got 9. Then I added 9 + 5 and got 13. Then I added 13 + 9 + 4 and got 26.

Sample C

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13

Maria 9

Emma 4

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

I figured it out by try each number start with 10 If I would have done it with lets say 15⁺

would be: If I did it with 10 it would be:

$$\begin{array}{r} R \ 13 \\ M \ 9 \\ E \ 4 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$$

So None of them work each sept 13 and 4. Now you know how I figured it out.

$$\begin{array}{r} R \ 10 \\ M \ 6 \\ E \ 4 \\ \hline 20 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 6 \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$$

Sample D

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13

Maria 9

Emma 4

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

~~26 - 9 = 17 - 4 = 13 - 5 = 8~~

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 4 & +5 & = & 9 & +4 & = & 13 \\ & \uparrow & & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow \\ & \text{Emma} & & & \text{Maria} & & & \text{Rose} \end{array}$$

I guessed a number for Emma's age.
Then I did +5 and +4 and got
the answer for their age.

Sample E

Problem C

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13

Maria 9

Emma 4

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

ages equal = 26

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ + 4 \\ \hline 13 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ - 5 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ + 9 \\ + 4 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$$

I got my answers by adding the 5 and 4 together to get Maria's number then added 9 + 4 to get Rose's number after that subtracted 9 and 5 to get Emma's number after that added $13 + 9 + 4 = 26$ and these were my answers.

Sample F

Problem C

Rose is 4 years older than Maria. Maria is 5 years older than Emma. Together the three sisters' ages equal 26. How old is each girl?

Rose 13 years

Maria 9 years

Emma 4 years

Show and explain exactly how you figured out each girl's age.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} E & 5 \\ M & 10 \\ R & 14 \\ \hline & 29 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} E & 2 \\ M & 7 \\ R & 11 \\ \hline & 20 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} E & 4 \\ M & 9 \\ R & 13 \\ \hline & 26 \end{array}$$

I looked through the problem at who is older than who. Emma is the youngest 'cause she's not older than anyone. I guess a random age for Emma. Then added the other ages (according to how much older people are). The answer was wrong. I kept changing Emma's age until I came up with the correct total (26.)