## My clown is juggling 4 balls.

He keeps dropping the balls! He needs one fewer ball! Which number is one less than four?

I think he will have five balls. Do you agree?

One less than four is equal to three.

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4-1=3
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## I only have 1 juggler. It's not enough!

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have one juggler. I need three more. How many will I have?
How can you be sure? Can you use the number line to prove it?


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## I have sold 2 tickets for the show.

I need to sell three more to make some money!
I think three more than two is equal to four. Am I correct?


Three more than two is equal to five.

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2+3=5
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## The acrobat has 9 hoops.

## But it's too many and they keep falling over!

 Maybe two fewer hoops would be easier.Where do you find the number that is two less than nine on the number line?

## There are 3 funny clowns!



Thank you for helping me! Come back to my circus soon!


