

# How Old Are They?

# T1

This problem gives you the chance to:

- form expressions
- form and solve an equation to solve an age problem

Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$w + 3 = b$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$2(w + 3) = j$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is 8 ✓ years old |  
Ben is 11 ✓ years old |  
Jan is 22 ✓ years old |

Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} w + (w + 3) + 2(w + 3) &= 41 \\ w + w + 3 + 2w + 6 &= 41 \\ 4w + 9 &= 41 \\ \quad -9 \quad -9 & \\ \hline 4w &= 32 \\ \frac{4w}{4} &= \frac{32}{4} \\ w &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8 + 3 &= 11 \\ 2(11) &= 22 \\ \quad \quad \quad & \quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{r} 22 \\ -8 \\ \hline 14 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

T1

Explain how you figured it out.

because Jan is 14 years older than Will so,  $28 - 14 = 14$ . which means, in 6 years Jan will be 28 & Will will be 19 & 14 is half of 28. ✓

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{(8+x) + (22+x) = y} \\ & \cancel{30 + 2x = y} \\ & \cancel{-2x \quad -2x} \\ & \cancel{30 = y - 2x} \\ & \cancel{-2} \\ & \cancel{-15 = y} \end{aligned}$$

## How Old Are They?

# T2

This problem gives you the chance to:

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$$w + 3 = B$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$2(w + 3) = J$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

$$w + 2(w + 3) + w + 3 = 41$$
$$w + 2w + 6 + w + 3$$
$$4w + 9 = 41$$
$$4w = 32$$
$$w = 8$$

Show your work.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

0 <sup>x</sup> years

T2  
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Explain how you figured it out.

Jan is already twice as old as Ben who is 3 years older than Will so no matter what age any of them are at, Jan is always going to be older (more than twice as much) than Will. <sup>0</sup> <sub>x</sub>



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# How Old Are They?

# T3

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{\text{Ben's age} = w + 3} \quad \checkmark$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{\text{Jan's age} = 2(w + 3)} \quad \checkmark$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ +3 \\ \hline 11 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 11 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 22 \end{array}$$
  
$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ +22 \\ \hline 33 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 33 \\ +8 \\ \hline 41 \end{array}$$

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4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

T3

Explain how you figured it out.

In 6 years will will be 14. 14 times two is 28

22 plus 6 is 28. ✓

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# How Old Are They?

T4

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$x = w + 3 \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$x = w \cdot 2 \quad x \quad | \quad 0$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

12	10	8
15	13	11
30	26	22
13		
21		
28		

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

If Will  
is 8  
add 3  
it equals  
11

$$11 \cdot 2 = 22$$

$$22 + 11 + 8 = 41$$

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0

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

T4

Explain how you figured it out.

guess an age like 12 if its to low  
then guess another number like  
14 and check

1  
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## How Old Are They?

# T5

This problem gives you the chance to:

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- form and solve an equation to solve an age problem

Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

                      $w+3$  ✓ |

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

                      $2(w+3)$  ✓ |

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is       8       ✓ years old |  
Ben is       11       ✓ years old |  
Jan is       22       ✓ years old

Show your work.

$$2(w+3) + (w+3) + w = 41$$

$$2w + 6 + w + 3 + w = 41$$

$$4w + 9 = 41$$

$$\frac{4w}{4} = \frac{32}{4} \quad w = 8$$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 years ✓ years

T5

Explain how you figured it out.

Ben	Sam
9	23
10	24
11	25
12	26
13	27
14	28

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Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{\text{Ben's age} = w + 3} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{\text{Jan's age} = 2(w + 3)} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

$$\begin{aligned} w &= 8 \\ \text{Ben} &= 11 \\ \text{Jan} &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

Will is	<u>8</u>	$\checkmark$	years old
Ben is	<u>11</u>	$\checkmark$	years old
Jan is	<u>22</u>	$\checkmark$	years old

Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} 41 &= w + w + 3 + 2w + 6 \quad \checkmark \\ 41 &= 4w + 9 \rightarrow \frac{32}{4} = \frac{4w}{4} \rightarrow \boxed{w = 8} \end{aligned}$$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S1

Explain how you figured it out.

First, I subtracted 8 from 22 to find out how old Jan was when Will was born. Then, I found out it was 14. Next I <sup>used</sup> ~~guesses~~ and checked method with Will's age. I said when he is 14, Jan will be 28 (because he is 14 yrs. old and she is 14 years older than him). Last I <sup>subtracted</sup> 22 from 28 to see how many years until Jan is twice Will's age.

Jan was 14 when W was born ✓

$$W = 14$$

# How Old Are They?

S2

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{w+3 = \text{Ben's age}} \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{2w^{\times 3} = \text{Jan's age}} \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

$w=5$	10	9	8
8	13	12	11
16	26	24	22
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	49	45	41

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

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4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

16 ✓ years **S2**  
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Explain how you figured it out.

8 · 2 = 16

22 - 16 = 6 ✓

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# How Old Are They?

# S3

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old. =  $W$

Ben is 3 years older. =  $B$

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$B = W + 3 \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$J = 2(W + 3) \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} 8 + 3 &= 11 \\ 11 \times 2 &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 22 \\ + 11 \\ 8 \\ \hline 41 \end{array}$$

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4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S3

Explain how you figured it out.

$$8 + 6 = 14$$

I guessed and checked.

$$22 + 6 = 28$$

✓

$$14 \times 2 = 28$$



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# S4

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

Ben is  $3+w$

$$\underline{3+w} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{2(3+w)} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u>	✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u>	✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u>	✓	years old	

Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} 2(3+w) + 3+w + w &= 41 \\ \cancel{6} + 2w + \cancel{3} + 2w &= 41 \\ 4w &= 41 \\ -9 & \\ \hline 4w &= 32 \\ \frac{4w}{4} &= \frac{32}{4} \\ w &= 8 \end{aligned} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

$2(3+8) =$   
 $6 + 16 = 22$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

1 years

S4  
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Explain how you figured it out.

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9 - 23	26 - 40
10 - 24	27 - 41
11 - 25	28 - 42
12 - 26	29 - 43
13 - 27	30 - 44
14 - 28	31 - 45
15 - 29	32 - 46
16 - 30	33 - 47
17 - 31	34 - 48
18 - 32	35 - 49
19 - 33	36 - 50
20 - 34	37 - 51
21 - 35	38 - 52
22 - 36	39 - 53
23 - 37	40 - 54
24 - 38	
25 - 39	

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S5

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Ben is 3 years older.

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$$\underline{w + 3} \quad \checkmark$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{2(w + 3)} \quad \checkmark$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old

Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{B} \\ w + 3 \\ \text{W} \\ w \\ \text{J} \\ 2(w + 3) \\ 2w + 6 \\ 4w + 9 = 41 \quad \checkmark \\ -9 \quad -9 \\ \hline 4w = 32 \\ \frac{4w}{4} = \frac{32}{4} \quad w = 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 + 11 = 19 \\ + 22 \\ \hline 41 \end{array}$$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S5  
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Explain how you figured it out.

$$2(8 + W) = 22 + W$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 + 2W = 22 + W \\ \underline{-16} \quad \underline{-W} \quad \underline{-16} \quad \underline{-W} \end{array}$$

$$W = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

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# How Old Are They?

# S6

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$w+3$  ✓

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$2(w+3)$  ✓

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is 8 ✓ years old |  
Ben is 11 ✓ years old |  
Jan is 22 ✓ years old |

Show your work.

use guess and check

Will:  $17.5 \div 2 = 8$

Ben:  $17.5 + 3 = 20.5 \div 2 = 11$

Jan:  $41 - 11 - 8 = 22$

$2(w+3) + w + 2(w+3) = 41$

$2(17.5+3) + 17.5 + 2(20.5) = 41$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 years  
x ago.

S6  
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Explain how you figured it out.

Jan was twice as old as Will 6 years ago.

Because Jan is twice as old as Ben who is

0

older than Will. x

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# How Old Are They?

# S7

This problem gives you the chance to:

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Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{b = w + 3} \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{J = 2b} \quad \times \quad | \quad 0$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \underline{10} \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ \hline 23 \\ 24 \\ 25 \\ 26 \\ 27 \\ 28 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad | \quad 0$$

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S7

Explain how you figured it out.

added a year to each persons age  
until will was half of Jan's age

working on previous  
page



# How Old Are They?

# S8

This problem gives you the chance to:

- form expressions
- form and solve an equation to solve an age problem

Will is  $w$  years old.

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$w = w + 3$$

$$\underline{B = w + 3} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{J = w + 3(2)}$$

$$J = w + 3(2)$$

$$\underline{J = w + 3(2)} \quad \times \quad 0$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

Show your work.

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4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S8

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Explain how you figured it out.

I did guess + check ^

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# How Old Are They?

# S9

This problem gives you the chance to:

- form expressions
- form and solve an equation to solve an age problem

Will is  $w$  years old.

$$w + 3 = A$$

Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{B = w + 3} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{J = 2w + 6} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.  $41 = 4w + 12$

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

Will is 8  $\checkmark$  years old |  
Ben is 11  $\checkmark$  years old |  
Jan is 22  $\checkmark$  years old |

Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{r} 41 = 4w + 12 \\ - 12 \quad - 12 \\ \hline 29 = 4w \end{array}$$

41

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

8 × years

S9  
0

Explain how you figured it out.

Well  $22 + 8 = 30$  then divide  
30 by 2 you get will at age 15 & Jan @ 30  
then you add 8 to Jan and get  
38, the age she will be when  
she is twice as old. × 0

## How Old Are They?

# S10

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Ben is 3 years older.

1. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Ben's age.

$$\underline{w+3} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

Jan is twice as old as Ben.

2. Write an expression, in terms of  $w$ , for Jan's age.

$$\underline{2(w+3)} \quad \checkmark \quad |$$

If you add together the ages of Will, Ben and Jan the total comes to 41 years.

3. Form an equation and solve it to work out how old Will, Ben, and Jan are.

$$w + w + 3 + 2w + 6$$

$$4w + 9 = 41$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -9 \\ -9 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{4w = 32} \quad w = 8$$

Show your work.

Will is	<u>8</u> ✓	years old	
Ben is	<u>11</u> ✓	years old	
Jan is	<u>22</u> ✓	years old	

4. In how many years will Jan be twice as old as Will?

6 ✓ years

S10

Explain how you figured it out.

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Handwritten work showing a sequence of numbers: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. A box is drawn around the numbers 11, 12, 13, 14. A checkmark is next to the sequence.



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