

$3 + ? = 12$

$\square^8 ?$

$x - 7 = 4$

$\diamond^2 x$

$? + 8 = 17$

Amazing Animals

Critter Camp

Division



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Welcome to Critter Camp!

Each summer, over one hundred million visitors walk through the gates of zoos. They spend the day watching animals. Some go to see a certain **exhibit**. They might even take a few pictures. At the end of the day, they head home, happy about what they saw.

But Rose, Ben, Javi, and Callie want to do more than just look at animals. They want to be junior zookeepers for a week at their local zoo. So, they are going to a special summer camp. This will be no mere stroll around the zoo. They will get to see things that other visitors can only dream of seeing. During their week at camp, they will help build **habitats**. They will help sick animals. The campers will learn how to guard **endangered** animals, too. Join them as they head off to Critter Camp!



Rose, Ben, Javi, and Callie

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Day 1: Just Call Me Dr. Callie!

Today was my first day at Critter Camp, and it was awesome! First, I met my group leader, Counselor Chip. Then, I met the other campers. Their names are Rose, Ben, and Javi. Next, Chip gave us our assignments for the day. I got to visit Dr. Carter at the zoo's animal hospital. Chip said Dr. Carter needed help taking care of a wolf pup.

The wolf pup was in rough shape. Yesterday, he was playing with his pack. But today, he just wanted to sleep. Dr. Carter was worried that he might have a virus. This would explain why he seemed so tired. Dr. Carter let me help while she held the wolf pup. The poor pup looked so scared! So, I stroked his soft fur to keep him calm. Dr. Carter drew a sample of the wolf's blood. The pup was so brave! He didn't yelp at all. I like to think I had something to do with that.

wolf pack

A wildlife park worker holds a wolf pup while it gets a vaccination.



mother and cub



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test kit for parvovirus



close-up of parvovirus particles

Dr. Carter took the wolf pup's blood to another room. Her assistant, Val, would see if the blood contained **parvovirus** (PAR-vo-vi-rus). Meanwhile, Dr. Carter let me watch as she checked the wolf pup's teeth. She slowly opened the pup's mouth and looked inside. He had a lot of teeth, but some were missing. Dr. Carter said that wolves are born with baby teeth just like us. She called them *milk teeth*. This pup had lost some of his milk teeth, and he had some permanent teeth growing.

Val came back with the results. The wolf pup tested positive for parvovirus. Dr. Carter told us not to worry, though. The pup would spend a few days in the zoo's clinic. He would have to take medicine, but he would be as good as new in about a week!

I wanted to bring the wolf pup back to my bunk. But, Val reminded me that he is a wild animal. No matter how cute a wild animal may be, you should never touch it without a trained adult nearby.

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milk teeth



permanent teeth

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Dr. Carter tells Callie that by the time a wolf pup is about 28 weeks old, all of its milk teeth have been replaced by permanent teeth. About how many months old is a wolf pup when it has all of its permanent teeth?