9 + 3 = ☐ + 4

What does an equal sign mean to you?

What does the blank represent?

How can you use manipulatives to help you solve?

How can you use a balance to help you solve?

What is the known information?

What is the unknown information?

Can you represent the square in a different way?

What others signs do you use in math to show a relationship?

What do they show?

How does 9+3 relate to blank + 4?

What do you think the blank represents?

How can you make both sides the same?

How can drawing help you if you are struggling?

9 + 7 = ___ + 8

8+4=___+5

3+5=___   3+___=8

8=3+___   __=3+5

8=__

3+5=__+5

3+5=__+4

Try these and discuss.