Equals Means the Same Amount

The equals sign compares both sides.

1 **4 + 1 = 3 + 2**

Both sides equal five.

2 **6 = 2 + 4**

The total can be on the left.

3 **8 - 2 = 3 + 3**

Both sides equal six.

4 **5 + 0 = 5**

Zero adds nothing here.

Check each side separately. Equals does not just mean write an answer next.