

# THIS ANT NO PICNIC

SILVERQUICKEN  
SUMMER PUZZLE #9

I love to go on picnics in the summer, but the ants can be crazy! In fact, the last three summers, I've realized there's a connection between the number of people picnicking, the number of baskets of food we have, and the number of ants that show up. Can you determine how many ants will be at this year's picnic?

If you need a hint,  
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NO MATTER HOW MANY **TIMES** SANI LOOKS  
AT THESE NUMBERS...  
THEY **DIVIDE** HIS ATTENTION  
AND THEY DON'T **ADD UP**.  
CAN YOU HELP HIM **SUBTRACT** OUT THE NOISE  
AND FIGURE OUT THE PATTERN?

3 YEARS AGO  $\longrightarrow$  8 PEOPLE, 4 BASKETS  $\equiv$  322,124 ANTS

2 YEARS AGO  $\longrightarrow$  6 PEOPLE, 3 BASKETS  $\equiv$  18,293 ANTS

LAST YEAR  $\longrightarrow$  10 PEOPLE, 2 BASKETS  $\equiv$  205,128 ANTS

THIS YEAR  $\longrightarrow$  12 PEOPLE, 4 BASKETS  $\equiv$  **? ANTS**

Solved the puzzle? Enter this week's drawing at <https://tinyurl.com/sq-summer> to win a prize!