Addition is the method or process by which two or more numbers are united or combined to form one number.

The numbers to be united are called **addends**, and the one number obtained by uniting them is called their **sum**.

What is the sum of 3 dollars and 4 dollars? of 3 pounds and 4 pounds? of 3 trees and 4 trees? of 3 trees and 4 pounds? of 3 pounds and 4 dollars? of 3 pens and 4 rings?

Like numbers are those which have the same name or denomination, that is, they are numbers which are obtained by using the same unit.

It is evident that only *like* numbers can be added. What is the denomination of the sum? In written exercises in addition, *units* are usually placed under *units*, *tens* under *tens*. *hundreds* under *hundreds*, and so on. Why?

ORAL EXERCISE

1. The following table contains 45 different combinations of numbers from 1 to 10. These are known as the 45 "primary facts" of addition. Practise on the table until you can name any of the sums the moment your eye rests upon the numbers to be added:

1	2	2	3	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	6	4	5	6	
1	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	4	3	2	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8	9	6	7	8	9	6	
1	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	6	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	7	-	-	
7	8	9	7	8	9	7	8	9	8	9	8	9	9	9	
	4	3	6	5	4	7	6	5	7	6	8	7	8	9	
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