

Mitten Math (K-2)

How many fingers is a mitten designed to keep warm? Only five, but in the book, we watch as many animals try and squeeze their way inside. Below are some math problems and counting activities with a “mitten twist” for your students to solve.

How many animals try and fit into the mitten? (8)

How many feet does each animal have?

(mole: 4, rabbit: 4, hedgehog: 4, owl: 2, badger: 4, fox: 4, bear: 4, mouse: 4)

How many total feet end up inside the mitten?

$(4+4+4+2+4+4+4+4 = 30)$

Here are the weights of the animals in *The Mitten*:

(mole: .2 pounds, rabbit: 8 pounds, hedgehog: 2.2 pounds, owl: 3 pounds, badger: 37 pounds, fox: 10 pounds, bear: 1000 pounds, mouse: .02 pounds)

How much would the mitten weigh with all the animals inside it?

$(.2+8+2.2+3+37+10+1000+.02= 1030.42 \text{ pounds!})$

*this is equal to about 25 first graders!