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add (ăd)

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v. add·ed, add·ing, adds

v.tr.

1. To join or combine (numbers) through addition: *If you add 5 and 10 and 17, the result is 32. If you add 6 to 8, you get 14.*
2. To join or unite so as to increase in size, quantity, quality, or scope: *added 12 inches to the deck; flowers that added beauty to the dinner table.*
3. To say or write further.

v.intr.

1. To find a sum in arithmetic.
2.
 - a. To constitute an addition: *an exploit that will add to her reputation.*
 - b. To create or make an addition: *gradually added to my meager savings.*

Phrasal Verb:

add up

1. To be reasonable, plausible, or consistent; make sense: *The witness's testimony simply did not add up.*
2. To amount to an expected total: *a bill that didn't add up.*
3. To formulate an opinion of: *added up the other competitors in one glance.*

Idiom:

add up to

To constitute; amount to: *The revisions added up to a lot of work.*

[Middle English *adden*, from Latin *addere* : *ad-*, *ad-* + *dare*, to give; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

add **a·ble**, **add** **i·ble** *adj.*

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