Here are six stories.

- Spend 10 minutes on your own writing an equation for each of the stories.
- In each case, let x represent the number you are trying to find.
- Do not worry if you can't write an equation for every story as, later on, you will be working in groups on this.



Tom is 57 years old.

Tom has a son called James.

In three years time Tom will be twice as old as James.

How old is James?



Strawberry chews cost 3¢ more than lollipops.

Sarah pays 54¢ for two strawberry chews and four lollipops.

What is the price of a strawberry chew?

Joseph takes a Science exam made up of two papers.



His score on Paper 1 is 6 points higher than his score on Paper 2. His total score on both papers is 54.

What is his score on Paper 2?

Anna owes her parents \$54.

She decides to pay this money back at \$6 each week.

After some weeks she finds she has paid back \$6 too much.

How long has she been paying the money back?

"I think of a number, double it, and add 12. My answer is 54."

What number am I thinking of?