# Caterpillar Task

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (1969)

On Monday the hungry caterpillar ate through one apple, but he was still hungry. On Tuesday he ate through two pears, but he was still hungry. On Wednesday he ate through three plums. On Thursday he ate through four strawberries. On Friday he ate through five oranges.

How many pieces of fruit did the hungry caterpillar eat during the week?

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