A More Than or Less Than Math Story

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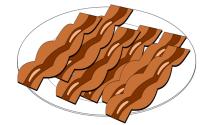
Once upon a time there was a friendly dog named Clover. Clover had 2 cat friends and 4 bird friends. He had (more or less) cat friends than bird friends.

Every day Clover would visit his friends and bring them a big breakfast! He liked to cook bacon sandwiches for all his

friends. On Monday he cooked 6 strips of bacon. On Tuesday he cooked 7 strips of bacon. He cooked (more or less) bacon on Monday than on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Clover's friends decided to make *him* breakfast. His cat friends made him 10 fried apples. His bird friends made him 9 baked bananas.

Together, his friends made him (more or less) apples than bananas.







When Thursday came, the pet friends decided to cook a **huge casserole** and have a par-

> ty for all of their other pet friends. They added 7 eggs, 6 potatoes and 5 tomatoes. They added (more or less) tomatoes than eggs.

In all, 11 different pet friends showed up to the big party. 6 of the friends were mice and 5 were hamsters. There were (more or less) mice friends than hamster friends.

Oh, no! When Clover the dog finished putting piles of food on the plates of all of the pets, he realized that there



was not enough food to feed everyone at the party. 2 mice and 1 hamster didn't get any food! There were (more or less) mice who didn't get food than hamsters.

But never fear! **Mia the Math Magician** has other talents besides solving math puzzles. She came to the breakfast party and pulled out tons and tons of different types of breakfast food from her magician's hat. The party was saved!



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