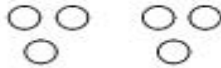Multiplication is repeated addition. The first number tells you how many groups to make; the second number tells you how many objects are in each group. You then count the number of objects to find the answer.   2 x 3 = 6   is the same as   3 + 3 = 6

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