



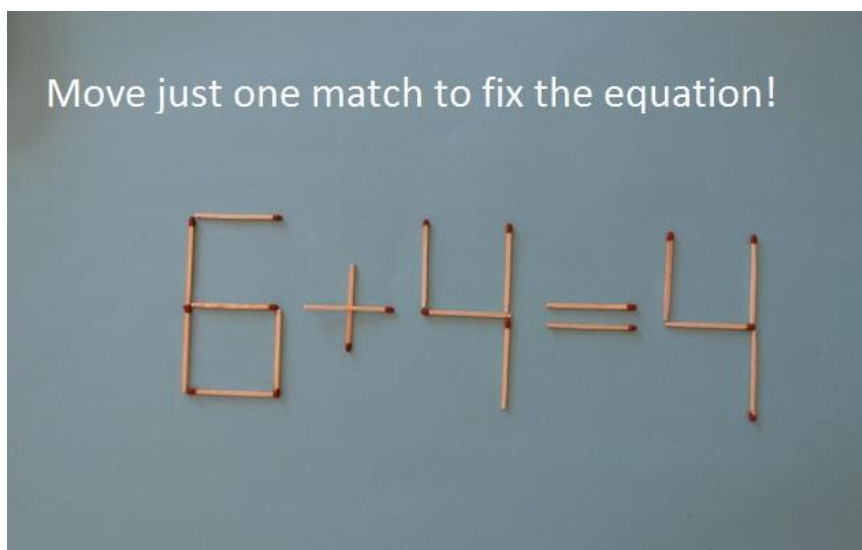
## An Adventure with Numbers

**E**, the chameleon and his friend **S** were having a great time. They were just sunbathing, hearing the sound of the sea, in one of those fantastic winter days that you can enjoy only in Albufeira.

Suddenly, something passed in front of **E** and, as a reflex, he caught it with his tongue.

- What is this? – he asked **S**
- How should I know? You are the one who has got it.
- Let me see. It's just a paper with matches and numbers. But it says here to move a match to fix the equation.
- Equation? What is that?- asked **S**.
- It's a problem to be solved. Shall we try?
- Let me see the paper- said **S**

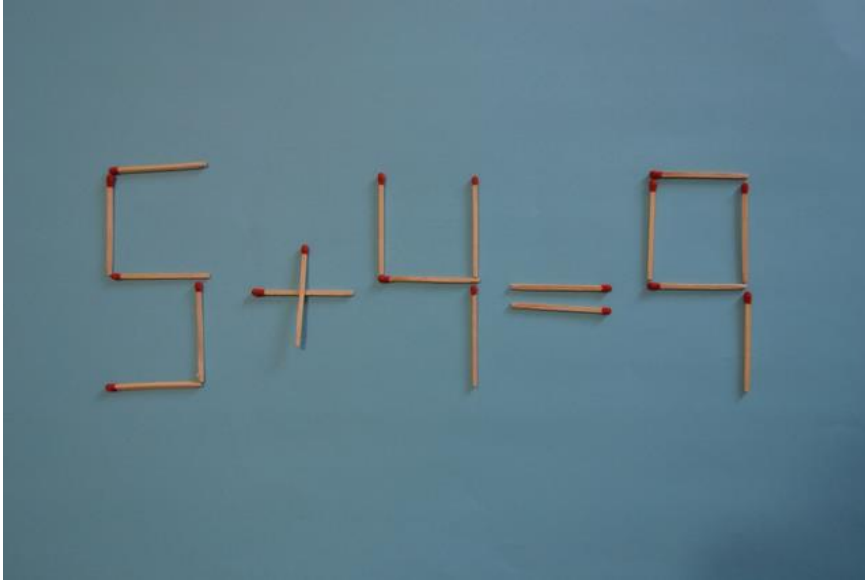
The two friends were now looking at the equation, trying to solve the problem.



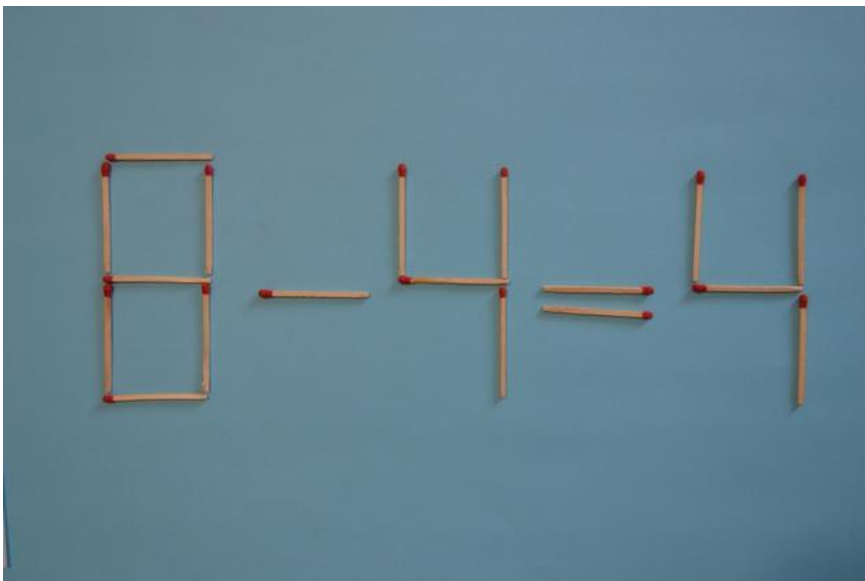


This is not easy!- said **S**

Don't be lazy and think!- immediately replied **E** and added  
I'm thinking...thinking...and suddenly he said: I Know:



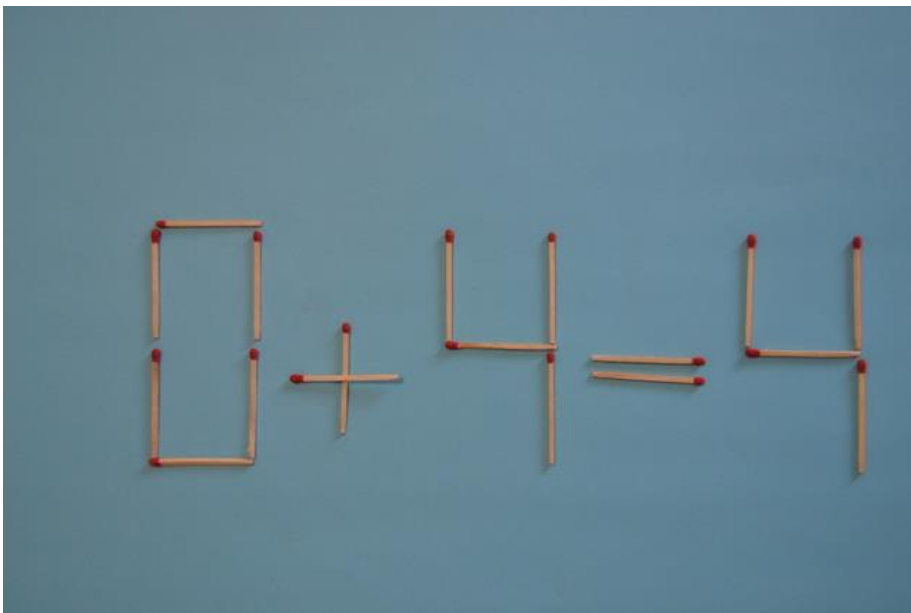
No, No! I know the right answer, said **S**:





A seagull that had been there observing the two friends, added:

I have another solution. Look:



And do you know that the three solutions are right? Yes, they are!

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