3. Write an explanation, using visual models if needed, showing how to calculate the answers to these problems:
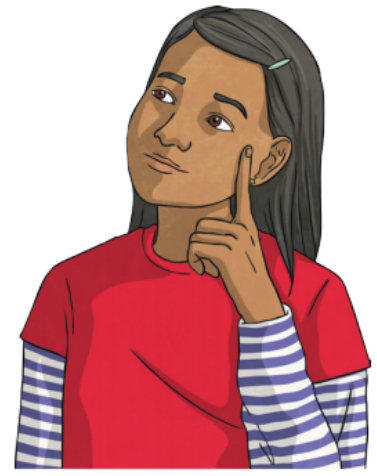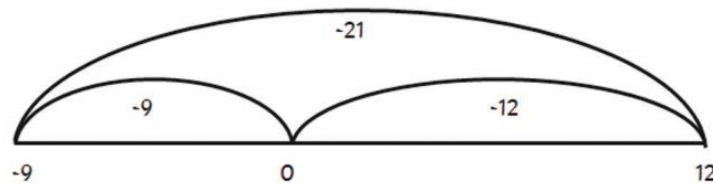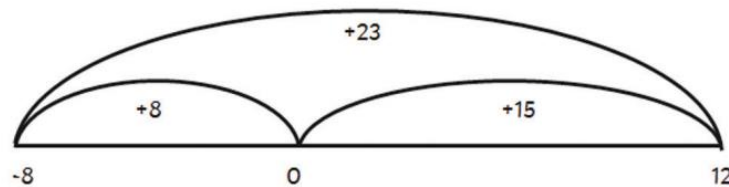
12 – 21 =

-8 + 23 =

Compare your explanation with a partner. Can you make any improvements?

-21 can be split into –12 to 0 and –9 beyond 0 to –9.

+23 can be split into +8 to 0 and +15 beyond 0 to 15