

Crossing the River

- Read the problem carefully.
- Read it again.
- Discuss/share possible strategies.
- Choose a strategy.
- Show your work.
- Give the best answers you can!



Crossing the River:

Eight adults and two children need to cross a river. One small boat is available that can hold one adult or one or two children. Everyone is able to row the boat.

--So there are three possibilities:

1 adult in the boat, **or** 1 child in the boat, **or** 2 children in the boat.

1. What is your strategy? _____

2. How many one-way trips does it take for all of them to cross the river? Make sure you have evidence to justify your answer!

3. Can you determine the number of trips necessary for 2 children and any number of adults? Explain in words.

4. Can you write a function that could be used to answer these questions? Define your variables!