

Possible Solution

The teacher told Mark to get 10 linking cubes. Mark took 4 blue cubes and 5 red cubes. Does Mark have the correct amount of linking cubes? Use pictures, words, and number sentences to explain your thinking.



Mark does not have the correct amount of linking cubes. He has 9 cubes because $4 + 5 = 9$. If he wants 10, he needs to add 1 more blue linking cube. He could also add 1 more red to make 10 with $4 + 6$.