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Ma made a dozen cookies for Victoria and Sam, then suddenly the doorbell rang. Victoria and Sam split the cookies evenly as more and more guests arrive. Will the cookies Ma made be enough for everyone?

Ages: 4 to 8 years

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Related Books: *Bean Thirteen* by Matthew McElligott, *Divide and Ride* by Stuart J. Murphy, *One Hundred Hungry Ants* by Elinor J. Pinczes

The Doorbell Rang

How many ways can 24 cookies be shared?

Math Connections: Use this book to introduce:

Problem Solving	Patterns
Multiplication	Division

Activities to Do Together:

- Act out the story as it is being read, using objects to represent the cookies.
- Count by threes, fours, fives, or sixes.

Extension Questions:

1. What are the different ways you could share 24 cookies?
2. As the children shared the cookies with more and more people, what happened to the number of cookies each person got?
3. What happened to the number of cookies each person got when Grandma brought more cookies?
4. How many cookies would you need to share among 6 people?

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:

one, two, three, six, between, share

Early Math Project Resources:

[Cookie Sharing](#) (English)
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Online Resources:

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