

Marcella's Bagels:

Marcella bought a big bag of bagels from Bruger's because she knows her daughter Sonya loves bagels. They were fresh and hot and smelled delicious! On her way out of the store she ran into a group of hungry college students who smelled the bagels and couldn't resist. They asked her if they could have some of her bagels. So, Marcella gave her half of what she had in the bag and then two more. She felt good about giving these kids the bagels and she still had enough for herself and Sonya. As she got around behind the shopping center she noticed a group of needy people and she couldn't pass by without offering them some of her bagels. She gave them half of her bagels and then two more. She got in her car and drove to pick up Sonya at the Skate Park. Sonya got in the car, but when she opened the door some of her friends smelled the fresh bagels and asked if they could have some. Marcella could not resist since these were Sonya's friends and they were clearly tired and hungry after skating all afternoon. So she gave them half of what she had left and then two more. When she got home with Sonya she had two bagels left. Sonya really wanted to watch her favorite show on TV and Marcella said that if she could figure out how many bagels she had purchased, she would be able to watch the program. How many bagels did Marcella buy?