

# Thought Experiment

"The Laboratory is in your Head"



## How Many Were Going to Saint Ives?

This is a very old rhyming riddle. See if you can answer it by reading and thinking very carefully. Explain your reasoning.

*As I was going to Saint Ives,  
I crossed the path of seven wives.  
Every wife had seven sacks,  
Every sack had seven cats,  
Every cat had seven kittens,  
Kittens, cats, sacks, wives,  
How many were going to Saint Ives?*

