The question is confusing. I am not sure of the author’s intent. Possibly change to:
There are 8 flowers.
Each flower has 4 petals.
There are 2 flowers in each vase.
How many petals are in each vase? 2 x 4 = ____
How many petals are in 4 vases? _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ = _____
There are _____ petals altogether.