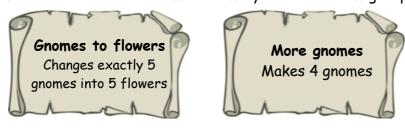
Test 3: Gandoulf and the 9 Dwarfs

After he makes a mistake with his magical powers in foretelling the future, Gandoulf ends up with 9 Blue Gnomes. And that is 8 Blue Gnomes too many! He knows 2 magic spells that can help:



He uses both these spells several times until he ends up with just one gnome.

How many flowers will Gandoulf have made so that he ends up with just the one gnome ? Explain your answer.