

Math Word Problem Steps for Success!



1. Read the Word Problem!

2. Ask yourself...

What information is given?

What is the question asking?

What strategies are you going to use to solve the problem?

3. Solve It!

Word Problem Example:

Bella has 35 stickers and Taif has 30 stickers. How many more stickers does Bella have than Taif?

4. Check your answer!

Information Given: Bella 35 stickers and Taif 30 stickers = 65

Question: How many more stickers does Bella have than Taif?

Strategy: subtraction sentence (the question asks how many more)

Answer: $35 - 30 = 5$ → Bella has 5 more stickers than Taif

Check and Review Answer: $30 + 5 = 35$



Problem Solving Steps to Success

Read over the problem twice

Underline or highlight the
question

Choose an appropriate
strategy to solve the problem

SOLVE
Draw a picture, make a chart,
write out your calculations

**SHOW ALL OF YOUR
WORK!**

Answer the question in a
complete sentence

Explain your thinking
("I know because...") and tell
how you solved the problem

Check over your answer and
ask yourself "Does my answer
make sense?"