

Math Code Words

Addition – will give you a larger number

(SUM)

add

perimeter

altogether

spend/spent

joined

both

and (between 2 numbers)

in all

total

combined

plus

also

“more” before the question

Subtraction – will give you a smaller number

(DIFFERENCE)

less

less than

fewer

decrease

gave

reduce

change

off

left

minus

“not” in the question

How many more?

How much more?

Multiplication – will give you a larger number

(PRODUCT)

times

twice

area and volume

“each” before the question

“per” before the question

“every” before the question

“one” before the question

Division – will give you a smaller number

(QUOTIENT)

separate

equal or equally

half

remainder

goes into

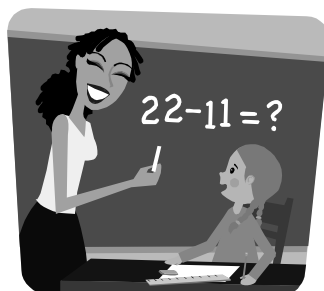
split

“each” in the question

“per” in the question

“every” in the question

“one” in the question



Word Problem Strategies

Visualize the problem



Draw a picture



Underline key words



Make a number sentence

$$7 + \boxed{?} = 10$$

Use a number line



Busy Bee Speech

+

add
total
sum
all together
in all
both
plus
combined

Busy Bee Speech

-

subtract
fewer
how many more
left
less than
minus
need to
remain
take away

Busy Bee Speech

×

multiply
times
every/each
at this rate
product
area
of

Busy Bee Speech

÷

divide
each
quotient
per
out of
into
separated

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