

STORY PROBLEMS

What Are Story Problems?

- Story problems are a bunch of sentences set up to give you information in order to solve a problem.
- Story problems most often give you all the information needed to solve the problem. They may even include information you do not need at all.

How to Solve Story Problems:

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For example:

Tabitha wants to send cards to all of her friends. She has 30 cards to send and has already sent 17. How many **more** cards does Tabitha need to send?

$$30 - 17 = 13$$

Tabitha needs to send 13 more cards.

In this example, the question mentions more, but you need to find the **difference**.

Here is another example story problem using 'more.'

Brandon has collected 12 baseballs. His friend gives him 5 **more** baseballs for his birthday. How many baseballs does Brandon have now?

$$12 + 5 = 17$$

Brandon now has 17 baseballs.

In this example, more is mentioned in the story. The question is asking for a total; that means you need to **add**.

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