

Rules for Story Problems

Use Addition (+) when you see the words:	Use Subtraction (-) when you see the words:
How many How many in all How many all together Add the items Total number Do they have enough Is there enough The sum of	How many left How many left over How many more How many less How many fewer Find the difference Have left How many remaining
<p>Read the problem.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What do they want to know? HINT: (look in the last sentence)2. Is it an addition or subtraction problem?3. Draw (show) what you know.4. Solve the problem. Be sure to use number sense.5. Check for a reasonable answer.6. Can you do it another way?7. Is there extra information?	