






Solving Word Problems

(The 5 Step Plan)

Solving word problems can be easy. It will take some time for you to get adjusted to the 5 step plan. However, once you master these steps, you will be able to solve any word problem with ease! Now...put on your detective cap and let's begin...

<p>Step 1</p>	<p>Read the Problem </p>
<p>Step 2</p>	<p>Highlight the Question  <u>Underline</u> clue words (<i>words that help you decide whether to +, -, x, or -</i>)</p>
<p>Step 3</p>	<p>Find the Facts  <i>(circle the facts you will need to solve the problem...reread the question)</i></p>
<p>Step 4</p>	<p>Solve the problem (<i>sometimes it will take 2 or 3 small problems to get to the answer</i>) </p>
<p>Step 5</p>	<p>Check Your Answer (<i>use a strategy that will help you decide if your answer is correct</i>) </p>