

9-11 YEAR OLDS  
WORD PROBLEMS

Here are some notes on the word problem skills we practised in today's lesson. You will also find an extension activity which you can complete in your own time.

## STRATEGIES

There are different strategies which you might hear for answering word problems. The main thing to remember is to identify what you're being asked to find first of all. This helps you understand the information you need to use, and avoid being drawn into using irrelevant information given in the question.



**Read**  
**Understand**  
**Choose**  
**Solve**  
**Answer**  
**Check**

What am I looking for?

What do I need to find the answer?

What do I already have?

## TAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

## Invest Your Money

Using the skills developed in today's lesson, work out which of the following three investment schemes will give you the best return on your **£20.00** in **four weeks**.

## Scheme 1

Costs 35% of your money to enter.

Pays out £3.50 per week for the 4 weeks.

## Scheme 2

Costs 3/5ths of your money to enter.

Pays out £2.50 in the first week, then £5.50 in weeks 2-4.

## Scheme 3

Costs £18.00 to enter.

Doubles your remaining money each week for up to 4 weeks.

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