

7-9 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.

FOUR OPERATIONS

There are different words which might refer to each of the four operations. These can help you work out which calculation to do for a word problem:

+

plus
add
find the sum
altogether
total

-

subtract
minus
find the difference
reduce
decrease

X

find the product
times
multiply

÷

share
divide
find equal amounts

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When answering word problems, it can be helpful to underline or highlight the key numbers and information you need to use. Remember, there might be extra information which you don't need to use.

Fatima has sailed 5000 miles and has 800 miles left to sail before she reaches Madagascar. If she can sail 50 miles a day, how many days will it take her to reach Madagascar? $800 \div 50 = 16$ days

TAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

Create Your Own Word Problems

Using today's lesson as inspiration, write four of your own word problems (one for each operation: + - x ÷) for somebody at home to have a go at.

Try making them more complex by including extra information which isn't needed.

Parents - We would love it if you could share your child's work with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #exploreathome