5-7 YEAR OLDS
WORD PROBLEMS

Below are some activity ideas to help your child with word problems.

ACTIVITY SHEET

CHALLENGE ONE

Can you sort the word problems below into the correct boxes? Do you need to add the numbers together to solve the problem or subtract them?

+ ADDITION +

I have two coins and my mum gives me two more coins. How many coins do I have?

Anna needs 30 beads to make a bracelet. She has 15 beads. How many more beads does she need?

- SUBTRACTION -

If you count 50 leaves on the ground and then another 20 leaves fall. How many leaves will be on the ground?

Asif has 12 biscuits. He gives 6 biscuits to his friend. How many biscuits does he have left?

If you invite 15 people to your birthday party and 4 people say they can't come, how many people will be at your party?

CHALLENGE TWO

Read each of the problems below. Write out the calculation that you will need to use to solve each problem. The first one has been for you as an example.

There are 8 apples in the fruit bowl. If I eat 3 of the apples, how many apples are left? **8 – 3 =**

6 children are playing at the skate park. 5 more children join them. How many children are playing at the skate park altogether?

On Monday Farah read her book for 4 hours. On Tuesday, she read her book for 2 hours. What is the difference between the number of hours she read for on Monday and the number of hours she read for on Tuesday?

On Saturday Toby delivered 12 newspapers. On Wednesday he delivered 4 newspapers and on Thursday he delivered another 4 newspapers. How many newspapers did Toby deliver in total?

For an extra challenge, can you work out the answer to each problem?

CHALLENGE THREE

Go on a hunt around your house and collect up to 15 objects. Use the objects you have collected to create your own word problems for a friend or family member to solve. Can you help them out with the calculation they will need to use?

Parents – We would love for you to share your child's work with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #exploreathome