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# Addition and Subtraction

Booklet 3.5: Solving Addition and **Subtraction Word Problems** 







DEADLY MATH TUTORS PROGRAM Professional Learning 3: Addition and Subtraction

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# **OVERVIEW**

#### **PURPOSE**

These materials were designed to be used in conjunction with a Professional Learning program for teacher aides. The objective of this Professional Learning was to empower teacher aides to enhance rural and remote Indigenous students' numeracy outcomes. This document contains the materials of the fifth of five different booklets on addition and subtraction.

If your school would like to receive a YuMi Deadly Maths Professional Learning program please contact the YuMi Deadly Centre (YDC) on: 07 3138 0035 or <a href="mailto:ydc@qut.edu.au">ydc@qut.edu.au</a>.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

The focus of the package is solving addition and subtraction word problems. To meet the aim, the package focuses on the meaning of the operation, as these provide the understanding of situations which the operation describes.

These meanings are not associated with key words as addition and subtraction can both exist in joining and take-away situations. For example:

- (i) the problem, "The farmer took away 3 cows leaving 4 behind; how many cows were there to start with?" is solved by 3+4; and
- (ii) the problem, "4 girls joined three playing hockey; this made 7 girls playing hockey; how many girls were playing to start with?" is solved by 7–4.

The package will instead focus on identifying the parts and the total in joining, separating, more than, and less than situations. Learning will be based on:

- (i) addition is where the parts are known and the total is wanted; and
- (ii) subtraction is when the total and one part is known and the other part is wanted.

There will be four sections/activities as follows.

#### (1) Part-Part-Total:

This section will focus on showing that "part & part→total" is addition and "total→part & part" is subtraction when the problems are forward, that is, the first or beginning numbers in the addition/subtraction change are known.

For example, "2 Holden's join 3 Falcon's; How many cars?" is a forward addition problem because:

#### (2) Forward and backward:

This section will focus on the fact that "part & part→total" is subtraction and "total→part & part" is addition when the problems are backward, that is, the second or ending numbers in the change are known.

For example, "2 Holdens join some Falcons to make 5 cars; how many Falcons?" is a backward subtraction problem because:

### (3) Part-Part-Total Triples

This section focuses on the fact that any addition/subtraction situation can have 3 different problems, 2 of which are subtraction and 1 of which is addition.

# For Example:

SITUATION	PROBLEM 1	PROBLEM 2	PROBLEM 3
	ADDTION	SUBTRACTION	SUBTRACTION
4 books and 3	4 books and 3	4 books and ?	? books and 3
more books gives	more books	more books gives	more books gives
7 books	gives ? books	7 books	7 books

#### (4) Extensions

This section focuses on two things. First, it applies part-part-total to comparison problems. For example, problem, "Fred has \$4, John has \$3 more, how much does John have?", can be considered as part-part-total with the \$4 as one part, the \$3 as the other and the total, John's money, as the unknown. Second, it investigates strategies that can assist word-problem solving, particularly if the problems have more that the step. The strategies investigated are:

- (i) make a drawing acting out and doing a problem (where, of course, the doing is useful);
- (ii) identifying given, needed and wanted information identifying what the numbers in the problem are and what the number wanted is (particularly useful in part-part-total situations); and
- (iii) restating the problem rewriting the problem using simple words and straightforward structure.

# **INTERVIEW**

#### **INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

#### **MATERIALS**

Materials to act out stories (counters, straws, junk), pen, paper

Materials with this interview: interview cards

Student recording sheet

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Photocopy and laminate attached interview cards.
- 2. Gather other material.
- 3. Place material in front of students. Give students pen and paper to write with.
- 4. Tell the students you are trying to find out what they know. Say they are not expected to know it and you will teach what is not known.
- 5. Give the student directions slowly read problems. Do not give hints. If student cannot do a question, pass on to the next question.
- 6. Allow students to use material and make drawings and doodling.

#### **Building to 10**



#### Show Card 1.

- Read the card. Ask: *Is this problem solved by + or -?*
- When student has answered, ask: How did you work it out?

## Ask the same question for Card 2.



#### Show Card 3.

• Read the card. Ask: *Is this problem solved by + or -?* 

### Ask the same question for Card 4.



#### Show Card 5.

• Read the card. Ask: Can you make up a problem from this that is addition?

#### Show Card 6.

• Read the card. Ask: Can you make up a problem for this that is subtraction?



#### Show Card 7.

• Read the card. Ask: Can you draw a picture that helps solve the problem?

#### **Show Card 8.**

• Ask: Can you circle the numbers that can be used in the problem? Can you underline the words that ask for the answer?

#### Show Card 9.

• Ask: Can you re-write this problem so it is easy to answer?

#### **INTERVIEW MATERIAL**

#### **Interview Cards**

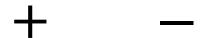
# CARD 1

John caught 6 fish, and then he caught another eight. How many fish did he take home?



# CARD 2

Sue caught 13 fish. She gave 8 to John. How many fish did she take home?



# CARD 3

Fred caught some fish. He gave 6 to his Uncle and he took 9 fish home. How many did Fred take home?



# CARD 4

June caught 5 fish. Her daughter also caught some fish. Together they took 13 fish home. How many did they catch?



# CARD 5

Bill caught 9 fish. He gave Sam 3 fish. He took home 6 fish.



# CARD 6

June caught 6 fish. Fred caught 8 fish. Together they caught 14 fish.



# CARD 7

John bought a fish everyday for a week. The fish cost \$3 each day. How much change did John get from \$30?



# CARD 8

Bob caught 8 fish. Frank caught 7 fish. How many fish did Bob and Jim catch together, if Jim caught 6 fish?



# CARD 9

Fish catching is important to Rod and Mary. Rod always wanted to catch more fish than Mary. This day he caught 8 fish and was happy because Mary only caught 6. How many fish did they take home?



# STUDENT RECORDING SHEET

Name:	Date:	
School/Class:		

	Interview item	Result (✓, ✗)	Comments	Activities to be completed if incorrect
C1:	Addition and Subtraction as part-part-total			WP1
C2:	Forward and Backward problems			WP2
C3:	Word problems of part-part-total-triples			WP3
C4:	Strategies for word problems			WP4

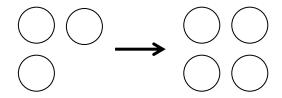
# **ACTIVITIES**

#### **ACTIVITY WP1**

[Addition and subtraction as part-part-total]

Materials: Pens, paper, computers, objects that are typical of local context

1. Say: Take 3 counters and 4 counters and join them.

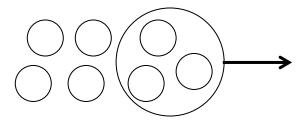


Say: Look at this as a start and a finish.

START		FINISH	

Say: The 3 and 4 are called parts and the 7 is called the total.

2. Say: Take 7 counters and separate them.



Say: Look at this as a start and a finish.

3. Say: Look at the start and finish. For both joining and separating, where are the parts and where is the total?

START FINISH

Joining P & P T

Separating T P & P

4. Say: Lets look at these problems in terms of going forward from start to finish.

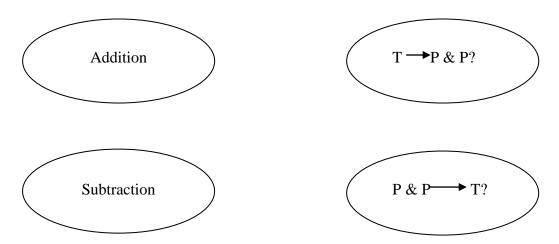
Joining  $P \& P \longrightarrow T$ 

7 boys joined 6 girls, how many children?

Separating  $T \longrightarrow P \& P$ 

There were 17 children, 8 went on the bus. How many were left behind?

- 5. Complete Worksheet A.
- 6. Ask: Think back on problems in Worksheet A. Use what you have seen to join, with a line, the operations to the actions that describe them. .



7. Say: To work out the operation to use, determine what is known and not known in word problems. Ask How do you know it is addition of subtraction? [Do not know the total – addition; do know the total – subtraction.]

Examples:

(a) Mary had \$7. She got \$8 from her Dad. How much does she have now?

P - \$7

P - \$8

T - ?

Operation – Addition

(b) Jane has \$8. She gives \$3 to Sue. How much does she have left?

P - \$3

P - ?

T - \$8

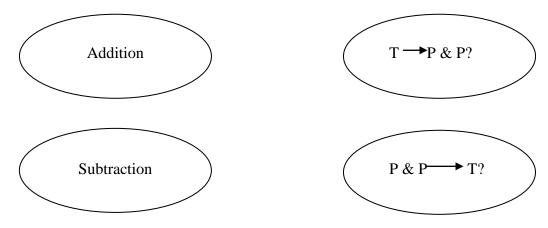
Operation – Subtraction

8. Complete Worksheet B.

# WP1 - Worksheet A

Name:	Year:	School:

- 1. Take 2 pens and 3 pens and put them together. How many pens?
  - (a) What are the parts? \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) What is the total?
- 2. Circle the parts.
  - (a) There are 7 cars in the park. 2 more drove in. How many cars were now in the park?
  - (b) There were 11 balls in the box. 3 more were thrown in. How many balls were there?
  - (c) The 12 boys were joined by 16 girls. How many children?
  - (d) How many teachers when the 4 in the officer were joined by 7 more?
- 3. Take 6 pens and separate them into 4 pens and 2 pens.
  - (a) What are the parts? \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) What is the total?
- 4. Circle the total.
  - (a) There were 8 boys and 2 ran off. How many boys left?
  - (b) There were 16 cars in the park and 7 drove away. How many left?
  - (c) Bill separated the \$32 into \$24 and \$8.
  - (d) 8 Kangaroos hopped away from the pack of 17. How many are left?
- 5. Use what you have seen in the activities above to join, with a line, the operations to the actions that describe them.



# WP1 - Worksheet B

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# **Forward story problems:**

Work out what the total, part and part (T, P & P) are for these problems. Circle the operation, + or -, that has to be performed.

1.	3 boys joined 7 others in the game. How many boys were playing?					
		T:	P:	P:	+	-
2.	Frank put the	e 11 balls with th	ne 13 balls. Ho	ow many balls?		
		T:	P:	P:	+	-
3.	I had 13 pies	, I gave away 6.	How many le	ft?		
		T:	P:	P:	+	-
4.	John had 21 sandwiches. Jill brought another 16 sandwiches. How many sandwiches in total?				+	-
		T:	P:	P:		
5.	-	ed the 12 colour . How many we		ere were 31 beads.	+	_
		T:	P:	P:		
6.	The girls ran off and left 7 boys. The class had 21 children. How many girls?				+	_
		T:	P:	P:		

#### **ACTIVITY WP2**

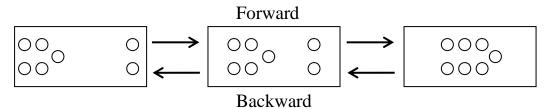
#### [Forward and backward word problems]

**Materials**: Pens, paper, computers, objects that are typical of local context,

worksheets

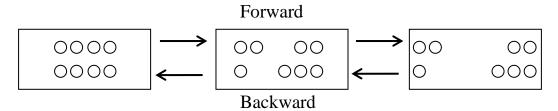
#### **Directions:**

1. Say: Take 5 counters and 2 counters and make 7 counters. Say: This is addition forward. State: Look at what happens across time. Run the story backwards.



Ask: Is the addition story addition or subtraction backwards? Ask: What is the addition story forward in terms of part-part-total?  $[P\&P \rightarrow T]$ ? And what is the story backwards?  $[T \rightarrow P\&P]$ 

2. Say: Take 8 counters and form 3 counters and 5 counters. Say: This is subtraction forward. State: Look at what happens across time? Run the story backwards.



Ask: Is the subtraction story addition or subtraction backwards? Ask: What is the subtraction story forward in terms of part-part- total?  $[T \rightarrow P\&P]$  And what is the story backwards?  $[P\&P \rightarrow T]$ 

- 3. Say: Looking at what we have just done, what is addition in terms of part-part-total? [Know the two parts and have to find the total] Say: What is the subtraction in terms of part-part-total? [Know the total and have to find a part)]
- 4. Complete worksheets A & B
- 5. Say: *There are many words associated with addition and subtraction.* Give examples:
  - (i) "more means add" I had \$6, I got \$11 more, how much do I have now?
  - (ii) "take away means subtract" I had \$13, I gave \$7 away, how much do I have left?

Say: Think up words that normally mean addition and subtraction.

6. Complete worksheet C.

7. Say: Let us choose one of the addition words – what about "more". State: "More" is often used with addition. For example, "I had \$5, I was given \$6 more, how much do I have?". [\$11] State: It is possible for "more" to be subtraction if we work backwards. For example, "I had \$5, I was given more money, I now have \$11, how much was I given?". [\$6] Ask: Try to write a subtraction problem for another addition word, say "join".

Forward:  $\$5 \longrightarrow \$6 \text{ more} \longrightarrow \$??$ Backward  $\$5 \Longleftrightarrow \$?? \text{ more} \Longrightarrow \$11$ 

8. Say: Let us choose now a subtraction word – what about "less". State: "Less" is often used with subtraction. For example, "I had 12 chocolates on Monday, I had 4 less on Tuesday, how many did I have on Tuesday?". State: It is possible for "less" to be addition if we work backwards. For example, "I had some chocolates on Monday, I had 4 less on Tuesday, I had 8 chocolates on Tuesday, how many did I have on Monday?". Ask: Try to write a subtraction problem for another addition word, say "take-away".

Forward:  $12 \text{ ch} \longrightarrow 4 \text{ ch less} \longrightarrow ?? \text{ ch}$ Backward  $?? \text{ ch} \Longleftrightarrow 4 \text{ ch less} \Longrightarrow 8 \text{ ch}$ 

9. Complete worksheet D.

# WP2 - Worksheet A

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# **Backward story problems:**

Work out what the total, part and part (T, P & P) are for these problems. Circle the operation, + or -, that has to be performed.

(a)	There were 10 boys playing they had been joined by other	re +	_		
	T:	P:	P:	'	
(b)	Frank put the 14 balls with the How many were there to sta		s. There 25 balls	s. +	_
	T:	P:	P:		
(c)	The 16 girls ran off and left class to start with?	the 7 boys. I	How many in the	+	_
	T:	P:	P:		
(d)	John separated the beads int beads before the separation?	nany +	_		
	T:	P:	P:		
(e)	I had some pies, I gave away did I have at the start?	y 6. This left	8. How many p	ies +	_
	T:	P:	P:		
(f)	John had 21 sandwiches; Jil 38 sandwiches. How many	had +	_		
	T:	P:	P:		

# WP2 - Worksheet B

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# **Mixed story problems:**

Work out what the total, part and part (T, P & P) are for these problems. Circle the operation, + or -, that has to be performed.

1.	1. 4boys joined the others. This made 15 boys. How many others?					_
		P:	P:	T:	+	_
2.	Jenny cooked 32 48 cakes. How i	d +	_			
		P:	P:	T:		
3.	Fred gave away	\$21. He had	\$42. How much	left?		
		P:	P:	T:	+	-
4.	24 left then 36 le					
		P:	P:	T:	+	-
5.	5. The kangaroos hopped by. There were 48 large and the rest small. 64 hopped by. How many small were there?					_
		P:	P:	T:		
6.	6. Frank had \$21 more. He had \$11 at the start. How much now?					
		P:	P:	T:	+	-

# WP2 - Worksheet C

Name:	Year:	School:

# **Words Mean Words**

Write words similar to or which mean addition and subtraction.

<u>ADDITION</u>	SUBTRACTION

# WP2 - Worksheet D

# Reverse the problem

Choose three subtraction words and write them in the left column. Then create addition problems using these words.

Subtraction Word	Addition Problems

Choose three addition words and write them in the left column. Then create subtraction problems using these words.

Addition Word	Subtraction Problem		

# **Activity WP3**

### [Word problems and part-part-total triples]

**Materials**: Pens, paper, computers, objects that are typical of local context,

worksheets

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Say: Consider the following joining problem which has all numbers in it (no unknowns), "12 boys join 14 girls gives 26 children.". Say: From this story, write 3 stories with one number unknown. State: To do this, simply write stories with the unknown for each of the three numbers. Give examples:
  - (a) The 12 is the unknown "Some boys joined the 14 girl, this made 26 children, how many boys?"
  - (b) The 14 is the unknown "12 boys joined the girls, this made 26 children, how many girls?"
  - (c) The 26 is the unknown "12 boys joined 14 girls, how many children?" Ask: Which of these stories are subtraction? Which are addition?
- 2. Repeat the above for another joining story. For example, "Frank had \$6, he got another \$9 from his Uncle, how did he have?"
- 3. Repeat 1 & 2 for two separating stories:
  - (a) Problem 1: "Bill had 14 cans of coke, he gave 6 away, he had 8 cans left."
  - (b) Problem 2: "Denise had \$50, she spent \$35 on a shirt, she received \$15 change."

[For problem 1, possible problems are:

- 14 unknown "Bill had cans of coke, he gave 6 away, he had 8 cans left, how many cans did he have to start with?"
- 6 unknown "Bill had 14 cans of coke, he gave some away, he had 8 cans left, how many did he give away?"
- 8 unknown "Bill had 14 cans of coke, he gave 6 away, how many did he have left?" ]
- 4. Complete worksheets A & B.
- 5. Play game: 'Problem Race Track'. To do this, collect problems from the students work in worksheets A & B and use these problems as the game cards.
- 6. Play Mix and Match problem cards
- 7. Play game: 'Build a story'

# WP3 – Worksheet A (Joining problems)

ame:	Year:	School:

Create 3 different unknown number stories from the information in the first column.

JOINING STORIES	ONE NUMBER UNKNOWN STORIES
A. Frank drove 33km. Then he drove another 58km. In all,	A1.
he drove 91km.	A2.
	A3.
B. Sue had \$56 and June had \$28. Together they had \$84.	B1.
	B2.
	B3.

# WP3 – Worksheet B (Separating Problems)

Name:	Year:	School:

Create 3 different unknown number stories from the information in the first column.

SEPARATING STORIES	ONE NUMBER UNKNOWN STORIES
C. Bruno made 62 pies. He sold 38. He had 24 left.	C1.
	C2.
	C3.
D. There were 64 children at the carnival. 25 children left. This meant 39	D1.
children remained.	D2.
	D3.

#### WP3 – Game: Problem Race Track

Materials: dice, Problem Race Track Board

Number of players: 2-4

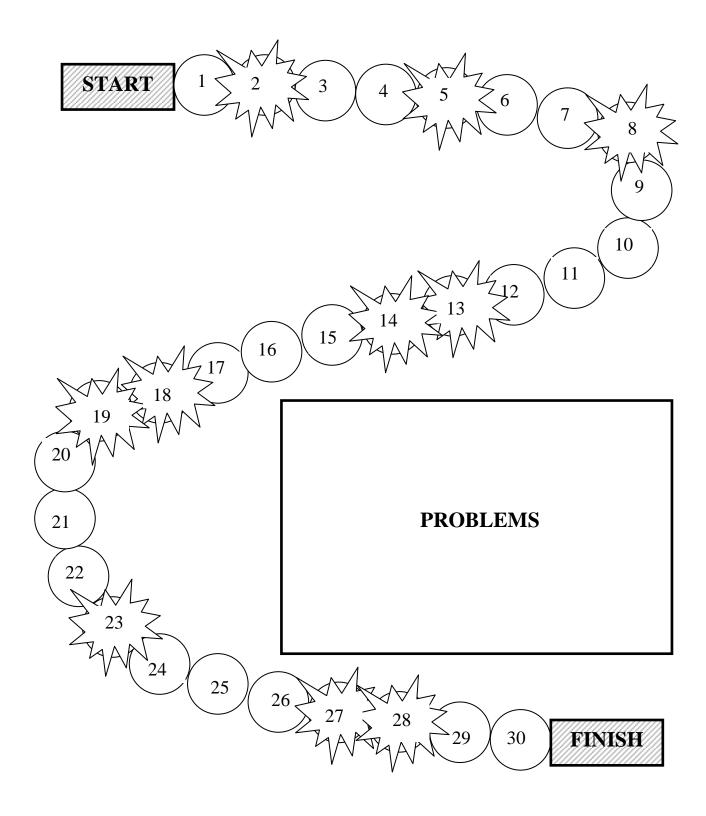
#### **Directions:**

1. Mix the unknown number stories in a random manner and place in "Problems" position.

# 2. Play the game:

- o Each player, in turn, throws die and moves along the race track the number shown.
- o If a player lands on  $\S_{w}^{M}$  he/she picks up a problem.
- o If give correct operation, move two steps forward.
- o If give incorrect operation, move two steps back.
- o First player to reach Finish wins.

#### WP3 – Game board for Race Track Problem

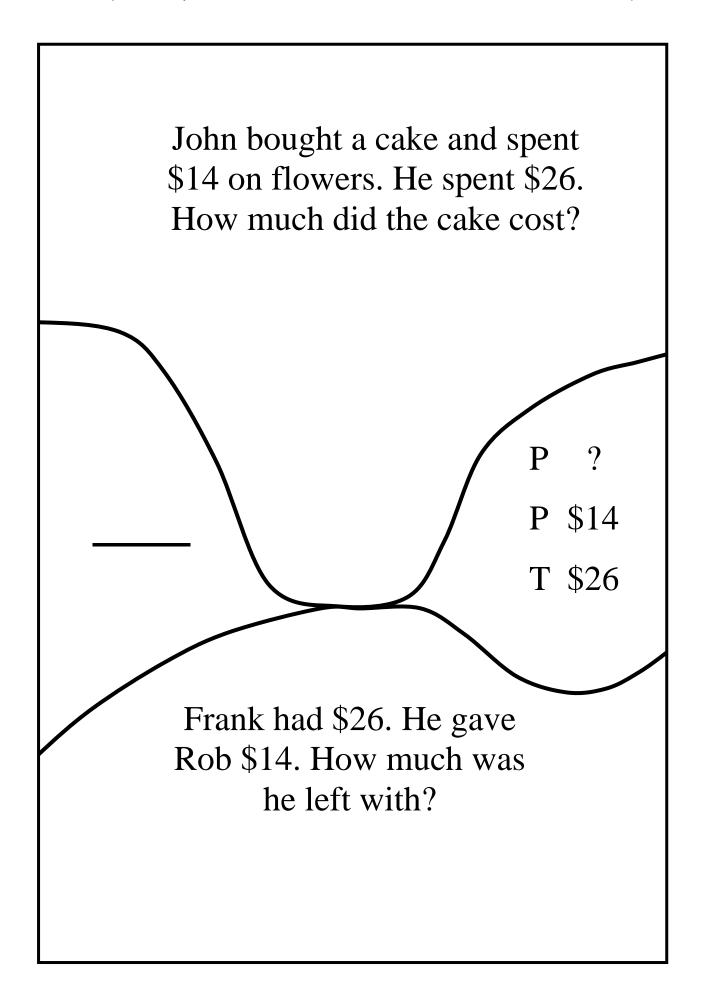


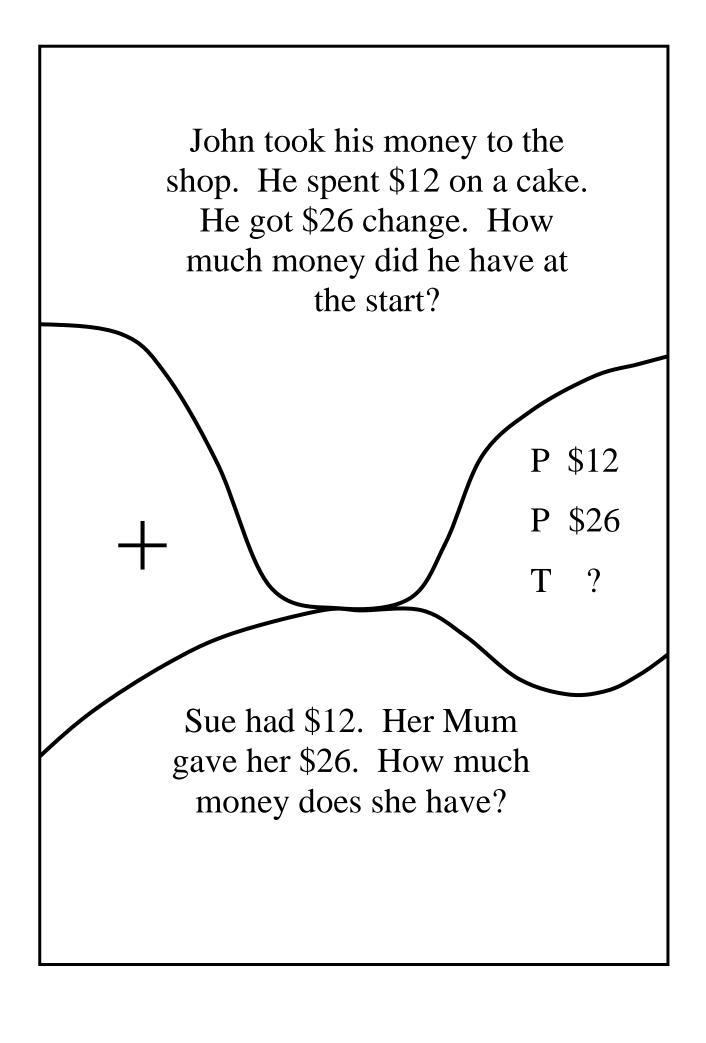
# **WP3 - Mix and Match Problem Cards**

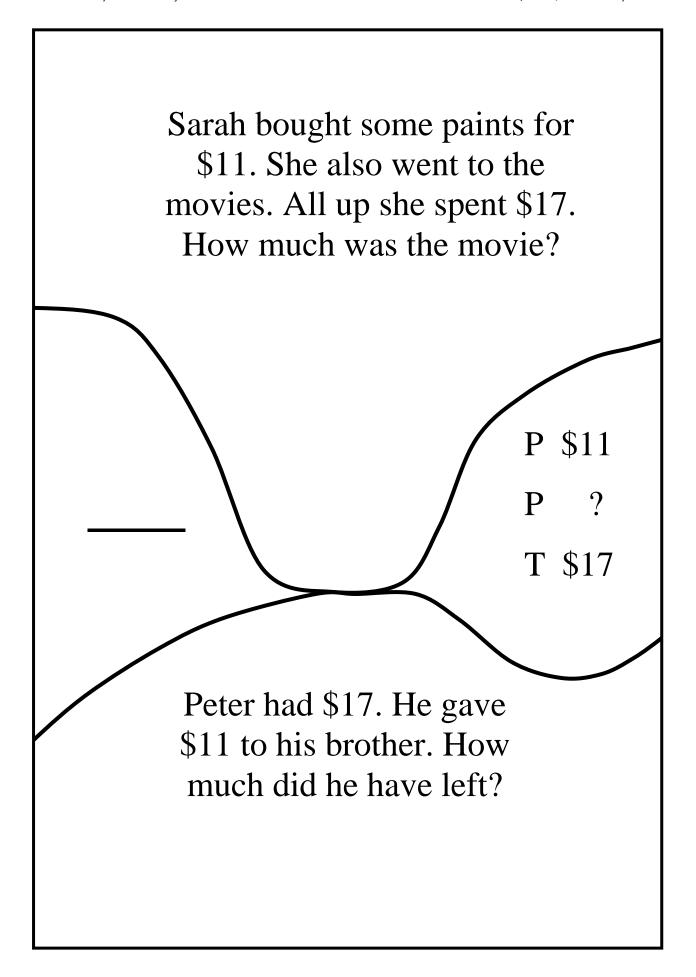
**Materials:** Mix and match cards on the following 5 pages.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Photocopy onto one colour cardboard.
- 2. Cut out the mix and match cards on pages 26-30.
- 3. Put together and shuffle.
- 4. Get student to re-form into sets.







A mob of Kangaroos were at the creek. 39 kangaroos left. This made 46 Kangaroos still drinking at the river. How many were at the creek to start with?

P 46

P 39

 $\Gamma$ ?

Mary invited 46 people to her party. 39 others turned up. How many were at the party?

A Turtle laid 31 eggs. Some eggs were eaten by birds. 23 of the hatchlings made it to the water. How many were eaten?

P ?
P \$23
T \$31

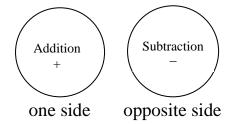
I went shopping with \$31. I spent \$23 on food. How much change do I get?

# WP3 - Game: Build a Story

**Materials**: Pen and paper, disc of wood

(or a coin) with addition on one side and subtraction

on the other side.



#### **Directions:**

Play one of the versions of the game: 'Build a Story'

#### **VERSION 1:**

- 1) Two (2) player game.
- 2) Each player in turn throws disc disc selects problem type.
- 3) Opponent starts a problem giving context (e.g., some boys were playing football).
- 4) Player continues story giving the first number.
- 5) Opponent continues story giving what this number does.
- 6) Player completes story, giving the second number and the question.
- 7) Score 1 point if correct problem.
- 8) First player to 3 points, wins.

#### **VERSION 2:**

- 1) Four (4) players opposites work together.
- 2) Each pair throws disc to determine problem type.
- 3) Each pair works together to tell a story:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> person states context
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> person states 1<sup>st</sup> number and what doing
  - 1<sup>st</sup> person states 2<sup>nd</sup> number and what its relation is to 1<sup>st</sup> number
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> person gives question
- 4) If correct, pair scores 1 point.
- 5) First pair to 4 points wins.

# **Activity WP4**

#### [Extensions to comparisons and strategies]

**Materials**: Pens, paper, counters or objects that are typical of local context,

worksheets

#### **Directions:**

1. Assist students to use part-part-total to determine operations for comparison problems.

(a) Direct: Put out 3 counters and 7 counters. Look at them and compare. Ask:



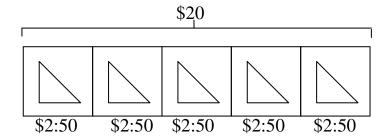
- What is the difference?
- *How many more than 4 will give 7?*
- *Is this addition or subtraction?*
- (b) Say: Jack has 5 counters, Fred has 3 more. Ask:
  - How many does Fred have?
  - *Is this addition or subtraction?*
- (c) Say: *The problems in directions 1 and 2 are comparison problems*. Ask: *What are the parts and the totals for these comparison problems?* Discuss what these could be.

State: The three numbers (known and unknown) for problem "What is the difference between 3 and 7?" are 3, 7, and the difference (unknown). Ask: Which of these three is the total? [7] Which are parts? [3 and difference] So what is the operation? [Since a part is unknown and the total is known, the operation is subtraction.]

Repeat this for the problem, "Jack has 5 counters, Fred has 3 more, how many counters does Fred have?"

- (d) Complete Worksheet A
- 2. Assist students to use strategies for multi-step problems.
  - (a) Say: When there is more than one step to a problem, three strategies will help making a drawing, determining given, needed and wanted, and restating the problem simply. State: We will look at each of these.
  - (b) State: Consider problem, "Sue bought a sandwich each day at school for \$2:50, how much change from \$20?". Ask: Make a drawing that will help you solve this problem? Discuss different drawings.

Note that a drawing of Sue handing the Tuckshop lady \$20 while the Tuckshop lady gives her a sandwich is not useful. However a diagrammatic drawing like that below is very useful.



Discuss what has been given. State: List the numbers and statements. Here we have \$2:50 per day, \$20 overall, week or 5 days, and change (unknown).

Discuss what we need. Say: *Here we have to find out how much 5* sandwiches cost. Discuss what we want. Say: *Here we want the change*.

Discuss restating. Say: We have to find a good way to say the problem so it is easy. One way would be: "Find the cost of 5 sandwiches at \$2:50 each and subtract result from \$20".

[The solution is 5x\$2:50=\$12.50; \$20-\$12:50=\$7:50 change.]

- (c) Use the Problem Strategy Template to develop strategies and solution for:
  - Problem 1 "John walked 12km on Monday, 24 km on Tuesday, 23km on Wednesday and by the end of Thursday he had walked a total of 84km; how far did he walk on Thursday?"
  - Problem 2 "Sue bought 6 bottles of Coke at \$3:40 each, 5 pies at \$2:80 each, and a hamburger at \$4:70; how much did she spend?"

# **WP4** – Worksheet A (Comparison part-part-total)

Work out part, part, total (P, P, T). Circle + or -.

1.	John has 13 more than P:	n Jack. Jac P:	k has 12. How many do	pes John have? + -	-	
2.	There are 8 more children in A than in B. A has 18 children. How many children are in B?					
	P:	P:	T			
3.	The lions scored 34. The jaguars scored 28. How many more points did the lions score?					
	P:	P:	T			
4.	Sue has \$10 more than Jane. Jane has \$56. How much does Sue have?					
	P:	P:	T			
5.	Sue has \$10 more than Jane. Sue has \$56. How much does Jane have?					
	P:	P:	T			

# **WP4** – **Problem Strategy Template**

PROBLEM	
DRAWING	
DRAWING	GIVEN
	NEEDED:
	WANTED
	REWRITE
	REWRITE
WORKING	
	ANSWER