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**Focus on**

**• Translating and Writing Word Problems**

**Teacher Notes:**

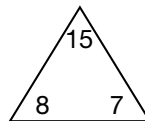
- Introduce Hint #10 “Word Problem Cues, Part 1.”
- Review “Word Problem Keywords” on page 6 in the *Student Reference Guide*.
- Review Reference Chart “Word Problem Keywords.”

- Combine → **Add.**

**Example**

- Example of a story about **combining**:
  - a. The troop hiked 8 miles in the morning.
  - b. The troop hiked 7 miles in the afternoon.
  - c. Altogether, the troop hiked 15 miles.

Use an addition and subtraction facts triangle.



1. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **a**.

How many miles did the troop hike in \_\_\_\_\_?

2. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **b**.

How many miles did the troop hike in \_\_\_\_\_?

3. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **c**.

Altogether, how many miles \_\_\_\_\_?



- Separate → **Subtract.**

**Example**

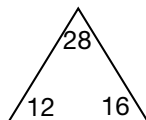
- Example of a story about **separating**:

d. Jack went to the store with \$28.

e. Jack spent \$12 at the store.

f. Jack left the store with \$16.

Use an addition and subtraction facts triangle.



4. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **d**.

How much money did Jack have when he \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?

5. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **e**.

How much money did Jack \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?

6. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **f**.

How much money did Jack have when he \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?



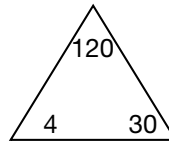
- Equal groups → **Multiply** or **divide**.

Number **in** each group  $\times$  number **of** groups = **total** number in all groups.

**Example**

- Example of an **equal groups** story:
  - g. At Lincoln School there are 4 classes of fifth-grade students.
  - h. There are 30 students in each fifth-grade class.
  - i. Altogether, there are 120 fifth-grade students in Lincoln School.

Use a multiplication and division facts triangle.



7. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **g**.

How many classes of fifth-grade students are

there at \_\_\_\_\_?

8. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **h**.

How many students are in each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?



9. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in i.

Altogether, how many \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_?

- Compare → **Subtract**.

**Larger** group – **smaller** group = **difference**.

**Example**

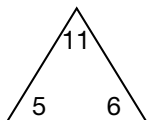
- Example of a story about **comparing**:

j. Abe is 5 years old.

k. Gabe is 11 years old.

l. Gabe is 6 years older than Abe.

Use an addition and subtraction facts triangle.



10. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in j.

How old is \_\_\_\_\_?



11. **Formulate** Write a question that asks for the number in **k**.

How old is \_\_\_\_\_?

12. **Formulate** Write **TWO** questions that ask for the number in **l**.

Gabe is how much \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?

Abe is how much \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?



## Activity



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### Writing Word Problems

- This activity is optional.