

# Choosing the operation



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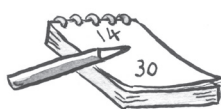
After adding 22 to a number the total is 45. What is the number?

What number must you subtract from 19 to find a difference of 7?

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35 is added to a number and the total is 60. What is the number?

I increase a number by 14 and the total is 30. What number did I start with?



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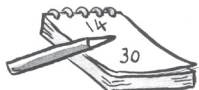
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Children must choose between addition and subtraction to solve each problem. If they make an error, have them substitute their answer in the problem to help them understand why it is incorrect.