A Cat, a Parrot, and a Bag of Seed:

A man finds himself on a riverbank with a cat, a parrot and a bag of seed. He needs to transport all three to the other side of the river in his boat. However, the boat has room for only the man himself and one other item (either the cat, parrot or seed). In his absence, the cat could eat the parrot, and the parrot would eat the bag of seed. Show how he can get all the passengers to the other side, without leaving the wrong ones alone together.

1.  Define the problem

1. The problem that I see is that he needs to transport all three to the other side of the river in his boat. He only has room for himself and one other item. The items include a cat, a parrot and a bag of seed. The problem is if he leave two items alone they can eat the other like if he takes the seed first then the cat will eat the bird or if he takes the cat first then the bird will eat the seed.
2. Some insight that the word problem does not state is, it doesn’t matter how many trips the man takes.
3. The overall goal for the man to make it across the river in his boat with all three items.