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Solving Two-Step Word Problems

Today, we will learn to solve word problems that need two steps. These problems might use addition, subtraction, or both!

Let's Solve One Together!

Problem: Sam had 24 stickers. He gave 8 to his friend and then got 15 more. How many stickers does Sam have now?

Step 1: First, Sam gave away stickers, so we subtract.

$$24 - 8 = 16$$

Step 2: Then, he got more stickers, so we add.

$$16 + 15 = 31$$

Final Answer:

Sam has 31 stickers now.

Your Turn to Practice!

1. There are 35 birds in a tree. 12 birds fly away. Then, 10 more birds come to the tree. How many birds are in the tree now?

Step 1

Step 2

Final Answer

2. Maria has 50 pencils. She gives 15 to her brother. Her mom gives her 20 new pencils. How many pencils does Maria have now?

Step 1

Step 2

Final Answer

Independent Practice: Two-Step Problems

Directions: Read each word problem carefully. For each problem, draw a picture to help you visualize, show your work for both steps, and then write your final answer in the box.

1. Emma had 45 crayons. She gave 12 to her brother and 8 to her friend. How many crayons does Emma have left?

2. Leo baked 24 cookies. He ate 3 of them. Then, he baked 15 more cookies. How many cookies does Leo have now?

3. There are 38 students in the school play. 17 students are in the first act and 15 are in the second act. The rest are backstage crew. How many are in the crew?

4. Maria had 50 stickers. She bought 25 more. Then, she gave 30 away to her classmates. How many stickers does she have left?

5. A bus started with 60 empty seats. At the first stop, 28 people got on. At the second stop, 14 people got off. How many empty seats are on the bus now?

Check Your Thinking!

Does my final answer make sense? Why or why not?

More Practice & Strategy

Directions: Solve the following word problems. Show your work in the box provided.

1. Maya has \$20. She buys a book for \$8 and a snack for \$4. How much money does she have left?

2. A basket has 25 apples. Leo eats 5 apples, then his mom adds 8 more. How many apples are in the basket now?

3. Ken has 12 toy cars and gives 4 away. For his birthday, he gets 10 new cars. How many cars does he have now?

4. Maria has 3 sheets of stickers with 10 stickers on each. She uses 8 stickers. How many stickers are left?

5. A baker makes 40 cookies. He sells 15 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. How many cookies are left?

Strategy Reminder

- Read the problem carefully.
- Find the two steps needed.
- Solve step one.
- Use that answer for step two.
- Check if your answer makes sense!

★ Challenge Problem

Jamal had 28 blocks. He used 9 to build a tower. Then he got twice as many blocks as he used for the tower. How many blocks does Jamal have now?

Self-Assessment

How confident do you feel? Circle a number (1 = Not confident, 5 = Very confident)

- 1 2 3 4 5

Which problem(s) were the most challenging for you and why?