



Two-Step Word Problems

Today's Standard

3.OA.D8 - Solve two-step word problems using the four operations. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Calculating total cost during shopping trips; Determining the remaining quantity after using some items; Figuring out time left after completing certain activities; Dividing items equally among groups; Estimating the total distance traveled on a trip

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to solve two-step word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We also learned to use letters to represent unknown numbers and to check our answers using estimation.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think they only need to do one math operation to solve a problem, but they actually need to do two. They might also mix up the order of the math steps. We can help by practicing and using tools like charts to remember the steps.

Quiz Me

- What is a two-step word problem?
- How do we show an unknown number in math?
- Why do we use estimation?
- What happens if we do math steps in the wrong order?
- Can you solve this problem: If you have 5 apples and get 3 more, then give away 2, how many do you have?

Help Me

We use two-step word problems to solve everyday questions, like figuring out how much money we need to buy two toys or how many candies we have left after sharing with friends. This helps us think carefully and check our answers.