

# MULTI-STEP WORD PROBLEMS

**Multi-Step Word Problems**

Your teacher has 15 papers on her desk. She puts them into piles of 3. She grades one pile on Monday and two piles of papers on Tuesday. How many papers did she grade so far?

$15 \div 3 = 5$  piles

Judy has 4 dogs. Each dog has 2 puppies. She adopts another 5 puppies. How many puppies does she have in all?

$4 \times 2 + 5 = 13$

Your dog digs 3 holes in 4 backyards. He puts a bone in 1 hole in each backyard. How many holes are empty?

$3 \times 4 - 4 = 8$  holes

**How to Solve:**

- Read the problem.
- Circle all numbers.
- Solve 1 sentence at a time.
- Check your work.

**Tips to Help You:**

- Take your time!
- Cross out each sentence after you solve it.
- Don't rush.
- Think it through.
- When in doubt, draw a picture.

**My Soccer Field**

To win, you must have 10 items in your soccer field.

**Identify That Word Problem**

There are 27 pumpkins on the farm. A truck comes by and drops off 3 more pumpkins. Chris and his 2 brothers stop by and each buy the same amount of pumpkins. The farm now has no pumpkins left. How many pumpkins did each buy?

Lily has 24 gummy bears. Then, she gets 16 more. If she eats 5 every minute, how many minutes pass before she eats all of them?

Anthony has 100 horses. He sells 34 horses. He exercises all of the remaining horses equally every 7 days. How many horses get exercise each day?

**Multi-Step Word Problems**

**Carrie**

Penelope has 22 hamburgers. She buys 3 more. Then, she splits them equally between 5 boxes. How many hamburgers are in each box?

$22 + 3 = 25$   
 $25 \div 5 = 5$  hamburgers

**Jace**

There are 12 donuts in a dozen. Jace buys 3 dozen. Then she eats 6 donuts. How many donuts are left?

A. 18 donuts  
B. 24 donuts  
C. 60 donuts  
D. 84 donuts

**Jeremy**

Roger has 7 pounds of meat and 3 pounds of cheese. He puts 4 pounds of meat and 2 pounds of cheese on each of 4 pizzas. How many pizzas does he have left?

$7 - 4 = 3$   
 $3 - 2 = 1$   
 $4 \times 2 = 8$   
 $8 - 4 = 4$   
 $4 \div 2 = 2$   
 $2 \times 3 = 6$  pickles  
 $6 \div 2 = 3$  hamburgers

**Penelope**

Penelope has 72 hamburgers. She puts 9 hamburgers on each plate. Penelope's friend eats 4 hamburgers off one of the plates. How many hamburgers are left on that plate?

$72 \div 9 = 8$   
 $8 - 4 = 4$   
 $4 \div 2 = 2$   
 $2 \times 3 = 6$  pickles  
 $6 \div 2 = 3$  hamburgers

**Penelope**

Penelope has 5 hamburgers. She puts 2 pickles on each one. She eats 1 pickle. How many pickles are left?

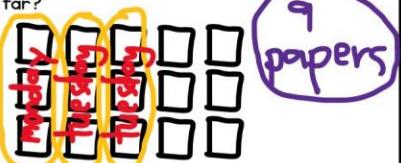
$5 \times 2 = 10$   
 $10 - 2 = 8$   
 $8 - 1 = 7$  pickles

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# MINI LESSON

**Multi-Step Word Problems**

<p>Your teacher has 15 papers on her desk. She puts them into piles of 3. She grades one pile of papers on Monday and two piles of papers on Tuesday. How many papers did she grade so far?</p>  <p><math>9 \text{ papers}</math></p>	<p>Judy has 4 dogs. Each dog has 2 puppies. She adopts another 5 puppies. How many puppies does she have in all?</p>  <p><math>2 \text{ } 2 \text{ } + 5 = 13</math></p>
<p>Your dog digs 3 holes in 4 backyards. He puts a bone in 1 hole in each backyard. How many holes are empty?</p>  <p><math>8 \text{ holes}</math></p>	<p>Kobe drinks 4 liters of water for 6 days. Then, he drinks 8 liters of water for 4 days. How much water did he drink total?</p>  <p><math>4 \text{ } 4 \text{ } + 32 = 56</math></p>
<p><b>How to Solve:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the problem.</li><li>• Circle all numbers.</li><li>• Solve 1 sentence at a time.</li><li>• Check your work.</li></ul>	<p><b>Tips to Help You:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take your time!</li><li>• Cross out each sentence after you solve it.</li><li>• Don't rush.</li><li>• Think it through.</li><li>• When in doubt, draw a picture.</li></ul>



# 10 WORKSHEETS

**HARD Word Problems!**

Name: Mike

1. Linda has 8 remotes. Each remote has 6 buttons. Tanya has 9 remotes. Each remote has 5 buttons. How many more buttons does Linda have than Tanya?

$$8 \times 6 = 48$$

$$9 \times 5 = 45$$

$$48 - 45 = 3 \text{ buttons}$$

**Multi-Step Word Problems**

Solve each problem below.

Name: Jeremy

1. Petrina has 23 puppies. She buys 5 more. Then she splits them between 4 baskets. How many puppies are in each basket?

$$23 + 5 = 28$$

$$28 \div 4 = 7 \text{ puppies}$$

2. There are 7 vegetables in each grocery bag. Michael has to bring in 2 grocery bags. Lauren has to bring in 5 grocery bags. How many vegetables did they bring altogether?

$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

$$7 \times 5 = 35$$

$$14 + 35 = 49 \text{ vegetables}$$

3. Jennifer has 9 notebooks. Each notebook inside. She rips out 55 pages of paper from notebooks to make paper airplanes. She changes her mind and glues back in 37 pages. How many pieces of notebook paper are now in the notebooks?

$$9 \times 11 = 99$$

$$99 - 55 + 37 = 81$$

$$81 \text{ pieces of paper}$$

4. There are 63 people in all of the swimming pools at the hotel. They are split equally between 9 pools. If 3 people get out of one pool, how many people are left in that pool?

$$63 \div 9 = 7$$

$$7 - 3 = 4 \text{ people}$$

**Error Analysis**  
Figure out what Sophia did wrong below!

Name: Gary

Question: There are 20 donuts. They are split equally between 4 boxes. Someone ate 2 donuts out of one of the boxes. How many donuts are left?

**Identify That Word Problem**

For each word problem, choose a phrase from the boxes below and write it with the problem it describes. Then solve the problem.

Multiply then add	Divide then add	Add then multiply
Multiply then subtract	Divide then subtract	Add then divide

1. Penelope has 22 hamburgers. She buys 3 more. Then, she splits them equally between 5 boxes. How many hamburgers are in each box?

**Add then divide**

$$22 + 3 = 25$$

$$25 \div 5 = 5 \text{ hamburgers}$$

2. Penelope has 32 hamburgers. She and 3 friends each split them equally between themselves. Penelope also eats another 5 hamburgers. How many hamburgers did she eat in all?

**Divide then add**

$$32 \div 4 = 8$$

$$8 + 5 = 13 \text{ hamburgers}$$

3. Penelope has 72 hamburgers. She puts 9 hamburgers on each plate. Penelope's friend eats 4 hamburgers off one of the plates. How many hamburgers are left on that plate?

**Divide then subtract**

$$72 \div 9 = 8$$

$$8 - 4 = 4 \text{ hamburgers}$$

4. Penelope has 6 hamburgers. She puts 4 toppings on each one. She also adds 3 more toppings to one of the hamburgers. How many toppings did she use in all?

**Multiply then add**

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

$$24 + 3 = 27 \text{ toppings}$$

5. Penelope has 1 hamburger. She buys 6 more. Then, she puts 8 squirts of ketchup on each hamburger. How many squirts of ketchup did she distribute in all?

**Add then multiply**

$$1 + 6 = 7$$

$$7 \times 8 = 56 \text{ squirts}$$

6. Penelope has 5 hamburgers. She puts 2 pickles on each one. She then gets hungry and eats 6 of the pickles. How many pickles are left altogether?

**Multiple then subtract**

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 - 6 = 4 \text{ pickles}$$

**Easy as 1-2-3**

Solve the multi-step word problem below by filling in each box.

ed to the beach with 3 people in each car. headed to the beach with 5 people in each car. in all 8 cars total?

Step 2:

18	$2 \times 5 = 10$
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Answer:

**28 people**

4. Pierre has 54 peanuts. He splits them equally between 6 bags. He eats 2 peanuts out of one of the bags. How many peanuts are in each bag now?

**Multiple Choice**  
Which problem below.

A. 7 peanuts  
B. 4 peanuts  
C. 9 peanuts  
D. 46 peanuts

$$54 \div 6 = 9$$

$$9 - 2 = 7$$

5. The mall has 7 stores. There are 3 customers inside each store right now. There are also 16 people in the food court. How many total people are in the mall currently?

**Multiple Choice**  
The hiker walks 8 miles a day for 4 days. He then walks 4 miles a day for 6 days. Over all 10 days, how many miles did he walk?

A. 32 miles  
B. 56 miles  
C. 24 miles  
D. 42 miles

$$8 \times 4 = 32$$

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$

$$32 + 24 = 56$$

# ERROR ANALYSIS

Students decide if each kid solved the problem correctly or incorrectly. They explain their thinking at the bottom.



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Directions: Read the problem below and look at the work the student did. Decide if the work is correct or not.

There are 57 stuffed animals at the mall. There are double that amount at the toy store. How many stuffed animals are there in all?



The student says:

There are 114 stuffed animals in all.



Explain if they are right or wrong. Put a check or X on their work.

This student only doubled 57 when they should have added 57 to  $57 \times 2$ , which means the answer is  $57 + 57 \times 2 = 171$ .

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# GAME #1

Match up each kid  
with the correct sign.

Linda has 4 briefcases. She keeps 9 pieces of paper in each. She also has a fifth briefcase that has 10 pieces of paper in it. How much paper does she have in all?

4 MILES FROM CAMP



Mickey has 20 ties. He gives them away to 5 of his friends. Each friend gives him 2 ties back. How many ties did he get back in all?

7 MILES FROM CAMP



Roberta needs 64 cups of sugar to bake a large cake. She gets 28 cups of sugar from her neighbor and has 15 in her cabinet. How many cups does she still need?

8 MILES FROM CAMP



# GAME #2

FOR 2-4 PLAYERS



## HOW TO PLAY:

1. All players receive a game mat.
2. Students answer a question card.
3. If they are correct, they earn an item.
4. The first person to earn 10 items wins.
5. Chance cards included to spice up gameplay.



Angel unpacks 2 boxes of clothes.  
Zion unpacks 4 boxes of clothes.  
There are 2 sweaters in each box.  
How many sweaters do they have combined?

#9

Treyvon sees 36 birds. He doesn't like 12 of their colors. He thinks 15 of them are too loud. How many does he like?

#11

Malik waits in line at the grocery store for 18 minutes. It takes him 25 minutes to pump gas. Then, he drives for 37 minutes to get home. How many total minutes did his trip take in all?

80

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Chance Card!

To

Chance Card!

Chance Card!

Take 1 piece from the middle.

Take a piece from the middle and give it to another player.

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# GAME #3

the perfect game to play with the whole class

There are 27 pumpkins on the farm. A truck comes by and drops off 3 more pumpkins. Chris and his 2 brothers stop by and each buy the same amount of pumpkins. The farm now has no pumpkins left. How many pumpkins did they each buy?

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#13

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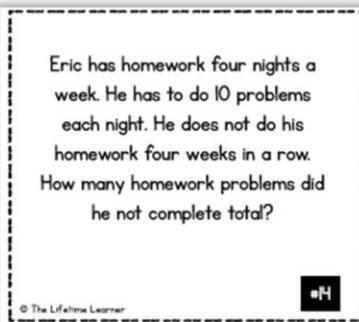
#16



Click the bucket to see this game in action.

## HOW TO PLAY:

1. Students answer task cards.
2. If they get it right, they drop it in the bucket.
3. Students play for a set amount of time.
4. At the end of gameplay, the teacher draws task cards out of the bucket.
5. Any student whose task card gets pulled out gets a small prize.

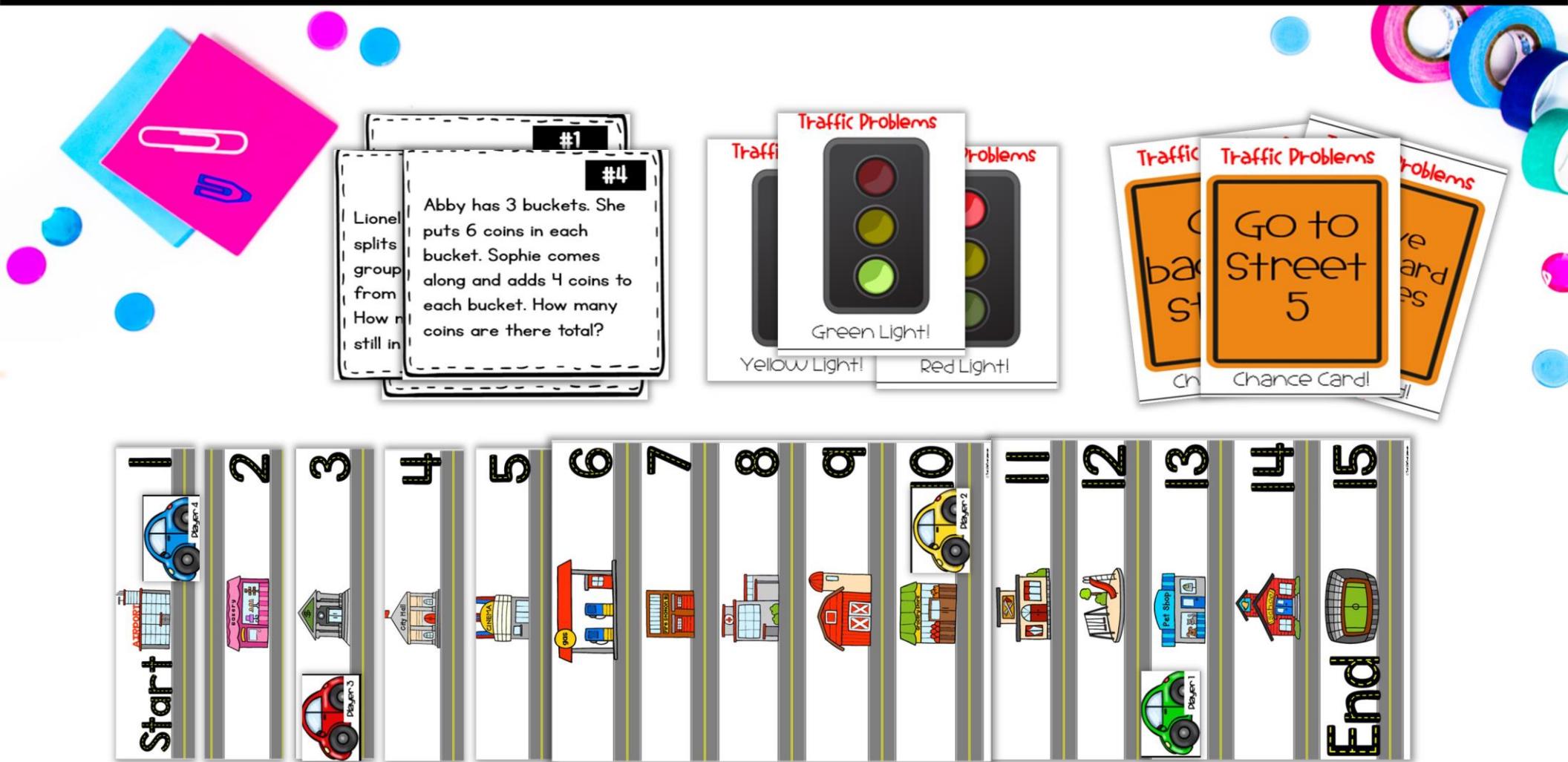


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# GAME #4



**Be the first one to the football stadium.**  
**After answering each question, pull a traffic light out to see how far to move.**



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**My Castle**

To win, you must have 10 items in your castle.

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**The Beach**

Name: **Lindsay**

Write the number of the matching word problem on each bucket to show which sandcastle goes with each word problem.

<b>A</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>#2</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>#4</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>#3</b>

1. There are 2 sharks. Each one has 5 teeth. How many teeth do the teeth have combined?  $2 \times 5 = 10$

2. There are 54 fish in the water. They are split between 6 small pools equally. How many fish are in each pool of water?  $54 \div 6 = 9$

3. There are 36 umbrellas for sale on the beach. 6 umbrellas are sold each hour. How many hours did it take to sell all of the umbrellas?  $36 \div 6 = 6$

4. There are 3 fences facing the beach. There are four seagulls sitting on each one. How many seagulls are there total?  $3 \times 4 = 12$

5. There are 12 surfers out in the water. They are chatting in groups of 4. How many groups are chatting?  $12 \div 4 = 3$

6. There are 50 seals out in the ocean. They are sitting in groups of 10. How many groups of seals are there?  $50 \div 10 = 5$

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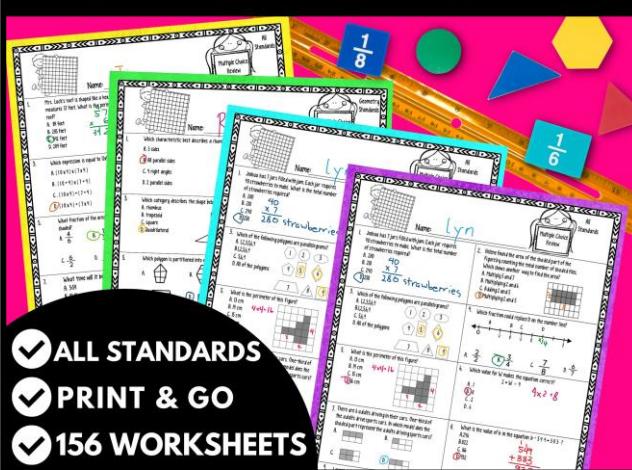
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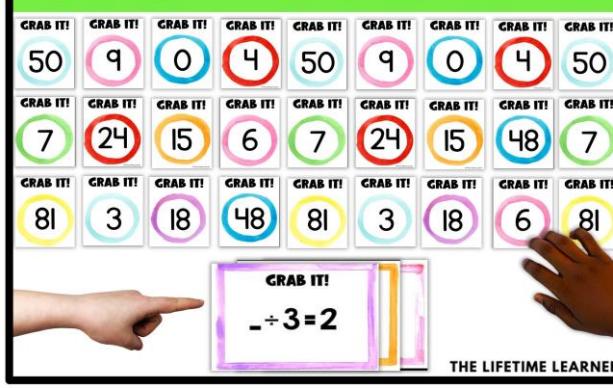
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