

Understanding Word Problems for Grade 3

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Section 1: Understanding Word Problems

Steps to Solve Word Problems:

1. Read the Problem Carefully – Understand what the question is asking.
2. Identify Important Information – Look for numbers and keywords.
3. Choose the Right Operation – Decide whether to add, subtract, multiply, or divide.
4. Write a Math Equation – Convert the word problem into a number sentence.
5. Solve the Equation – Perform the calculation carefully.
6. Check Your Answer – Ensure the solution makes sense in the given context.

Section 2: Practice Problems

Solve the following word problems using the steps above:

1. Lisa has 75 stickers. She gives 29 to her friends. How many stickers does she have left?
Equation: _____
Answer: _____
2. A pet store has 9 cages, and each cage has 5 puppies. How many puppies are there in total?
Equation: _____
Answer: _____
3. A school buys 48 markers to distribute equally among 8 teachers. How many markers does each teacher get?
Equation: _____
Answer: _____
4. Jake collected 27 shells at the beach. His brother gave him 14 more. How many shells does he have now?
Equation: _____
Answer: _____
5. There are 64 students in a school hall. They are arranged in 8 equal rows. How many students are in each row?
Equation: _____
Answer: _____

Answer Key

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1. $75 - 29 = 46$ (Lisa has 46 stickers left.)
2. $9 \times 5 = 45$ (There are 45 puppies in total.)
3. $48 \div 8 = 6$ (Each teacher gets 6 markers.)
4. $27 + 14 = 41$ (Jake has 41 shells now.)
5. $64 \div 8 = 8$ (Each row has 8 students.)