

# 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 problem is asking.
2. Identify Important Information – Look for numbers, keywords, and what needs to be solved.
3. Choose the Right Operation – Decide if you need to add, subtract, multiply, or divide.
4. Write a Math Equation – Convert the word problem into a math sentence.
5. Solve the Equation – Do the math calculation carefully.
6. Check Your Answer – Make sure the solution makes sense in the context of the problem.

## Section 2: Practice Problems

### Solve the following word problems using the steps above:

1. Tom has 15 balloons. He gives 6 to his friends. How many balloons does he have left?  
**Equation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. A store sold 8 chocolate bars in the morning and 7 in the afternoon. How many chocolate bars were sold in total?  
**Equation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lily had 18 stickers. She gave away 9 and then received 4 more. How many stickers does she have now?  
**Equation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. A farmer collected 24 eggs in the morning and 16 in the evening. How many eggs did the farmer collect in total?  
**Equation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. There were 35 students in a classroom. 12 students went to the library. How many students are still in the classroom?  
**Equation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Key

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1.  $15 - 6 = 9$  (Tom has 9 balloons left.)
2.  $8 + 7 = 15$  (Total 15 chocolate bars were sold.)
3.  $18 - 9 + 4 = 13$  (Lily has 13 stickers now.)
4.  $24 + 16 = 40$  (The farmer collected 40 eggs in total.)
5.  $35 - 12 = 23$  (There are 23 students left in the classroom.)