

# Word Problems? No Problem!

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Maya has 120 caramel apples to sell. Each caramel apple is covered with one topping.

- $\frac{1}{5}$  of the caramel apples are covered with peanuts.
- $\frac{1}{3}$  are covered with chocolate chips.
- $\frac{3}{10}$  are covered with coconut.
- The rest are covered with sprinkles.

How many caramel apples are covered with sprinkles?

- A** 100
- B** 33
- C** 25
- D** 20

Solve the problem

What skills are necessary to solve this problem?

## Problem-Solving Difficulties


## Teaching Problem Solving

## Attack Strategy

# UPS✓

## UNDERSTAND

Read and explain.

## PLAN

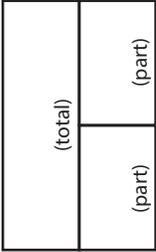
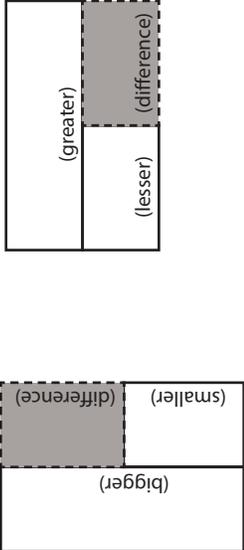
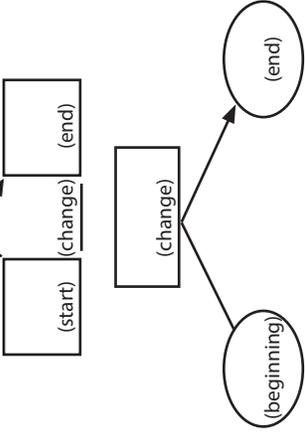
How will you solve the problem?

## SOLVE

Set up and do the math!

## ✓CHECK

Does your answer make sense?

Schema and Definition	Equations and Graphic Organizers	Examples	Variations
<p><b>Total (Combine; Part-part-whole)</b> Parts combined for a sum</p>	<p><math>P1 + P2 = T</math> (part + part = total)</p> 	<p>Sum unknown: Lyle has 11 red apples and 18 green apples. How many apples does Lyle have altogether?</p> <p>Part unknown: Lyle has 29 red and green apples. If 11 of the apples are red, how many green apples does Lyle have?</p>	<p>More than two parts: Lyle has 34 apples. Of the apples, 11 are red, 18 are green, and the rest are yellow. How many yellow apples does Lyle have?</p>
<p><b>Difference (Compare)</b> Sets compared for a difference</p>	<p><math>B - S = D</math> (bigger - smaller = difference)</p>  <p><math>G - L = D</math> (greater - less = difference)</p>	<p>Difference unknown: Sasha wrote 85 words in her essay, and Tabitha wrote 110 words. How many fewer words did Sasha write than Tabitha?</p> <p>Bigger/greater unknown: Tabitha wrote 25 more words than Sasha. If Sasha wrote 85 words, how many words did Tabitha write?</p> <p>Smaller/lesser unknown: Tabitha wrote 110 words in her essay. Sasha wrote 25 words fewer than Tabitha. How many words did Sasha write?</p>	<p>(None)</p>
<p><b>Change (Join; Separate)</b> An amount that increases or decreases</p>	<p><math>ST + / - C = E</math> (start +/- change = end)</p> 	<p>End (increase) unknown: Jorge had \$52. Then, he earned \$16 babysitting. How much money does Jorge have now?</p> <p>Change (increase) unknown: Jorge had \$52. Then, he earned some money babysitting. Now, Jorge has \$68. How much did Jorge earn babysitting?</p> <p>End (decrease) unknown: Jorge had \$52. Then, he spent \$29 at the ballpark. How much money does Jorge have now?</p> <p>Change (decrease) unknown: Jorge had \$52 but spent some money when he went to the ballpark. Now, Jorge has \$23. How much did Jorge spend at the ballpark?</p> <p>Start (increase) unknown: Jorge has some money, and then he earned \$16 for babysitting. Now, Jorge has \$68. How much money did he have to start with?</p> <p>Start (decrease) unknown: Jorge had some money. Then, he spent \$29 at the ballpark and has \$23 left. How much money did Jorge have before going to the ballpark?</p>	<p>Multiple changes: Jorge had \$78. He stopped and bought a pair of shoes for \$42 and then he spent \$12 at the grocery. How much money does Jorge have now?</p>

## Additive Word Problems

A.

Megan baked 38 sugar cookies and 24 chocolate chip cookies. Enter the total number of cookies Megan baked in all.

B.

In March and April, it rained a total of 11.4 inches. If it rained 3.9 inches in March, how many inches did it rain in April?

C.

Jana has 162 wooden beads and 95 glass beads. How many more wooden beads than glass beads does Jana have?

D.

The temperature in Norfolk was 12 degrees warmer than in Roanoke where the temperature was 79 degrees. It was 86 degrees in Marion. What was the temperature in Norfolk?

## Additive Word Problems

E.

A plant was  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall at the beginning of June. By the end of July, the plant was  $9\frac{1}{8}$  inches tall. How many inches did the plant grow in 2 months?

F.

Martina has some money in her bank account. Then, she spent \$135.69 and has a balance of  $-\$24.80$ . How much money did Martina have to begin with?

G.

Sam mows lawns and made \$560 last week. She made \$95 on Monday, \$135 on Tuesday, and \$70 on Wednesday. How much did Sam make on Thursday and Friday?

H.

Hui saved \$70 in January. In February, she spent \$64 of the money she saved. She saved \$92 more in March. How much has Hui saved by the end of March?