

ADDITION & SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS

Name _____

**SUBTRACTION:
CHALLENGE - 2**

You had 7 bouncy balls. Some balls rolled away, and now you have 5 bouncy balls left. How many balls rolled away?

There were 9 flowers in a garden. Some flowers have wilted, leaving 6 flowers now. How many flowers wilted?

There were 8 apples on the apple tree. Some squirrels ate some, and now there are 1 apple left. How many apples were eaten by the squirrels?

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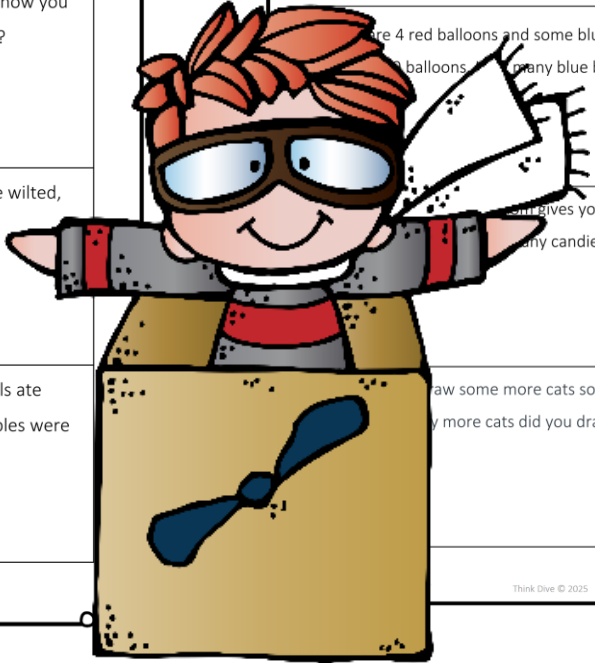
**ADDITION
CHALLENGE - 2**

There are 4 red balloons and some blue balloons. In total, there are 10 balloons. How many blue balloons are there?

My mom gave me 5 candies. My friend gives you some more, and now I have 12 candies. How many candies did your mom give me?

I had 3 cats. I drew some more cats so you have a total of 8 cats. How many more cats did you draw?

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problems and open-
ended challenges**

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

4 Pages with Addition Word Problems

4 Pages with Subtraction Word Challenges

5 Open-Ended Challenges

Teacher's Guide & Answers

ADDITION CHALLENGE - 1

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Draw 5 apples. Draw some more apples so you have a total of 8 apples. How many more apples did you draw?

There are 3 teddy bears in the toy box. After adding more

ADDITION: CHALLENGE - 4

Name _____

\$25 in her piggy bank. She got some money from parents. Now she has \$42. How much money get from her grandparents?

8 stamps in his collection. She buys some new and now she has 65 stamps. How many stamps buy?

78 marbles. He buys some marbles, and now he has s. How many marbles did Lucas buy?

SUBTRACTION: CHALLENGE - 3

Name _____

You had 35 candies. You ate some candies, and now you have 18 candies left. How many candies did you eat?

A game has 60 levels. You have completed some levels, and there are 17 levels left. How many levels have you completed?

You made 52 cups of lemonade. You sold some cups, and you have 29 cups left. How many cups of lemonade did you sell?

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**ADDITION & SUBTRACTION:
CHALLENGE - 3**

The pet store has 25 fish. Some are goldfish, and some are angelfish.
How many of each type of fish could there be? Show at least three different possibilities.

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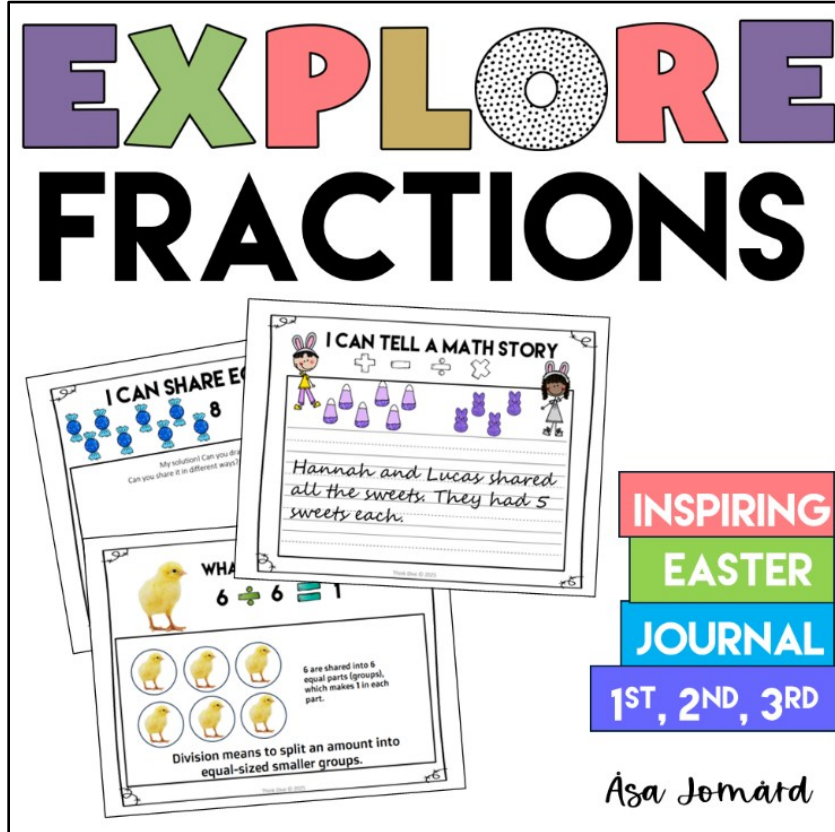
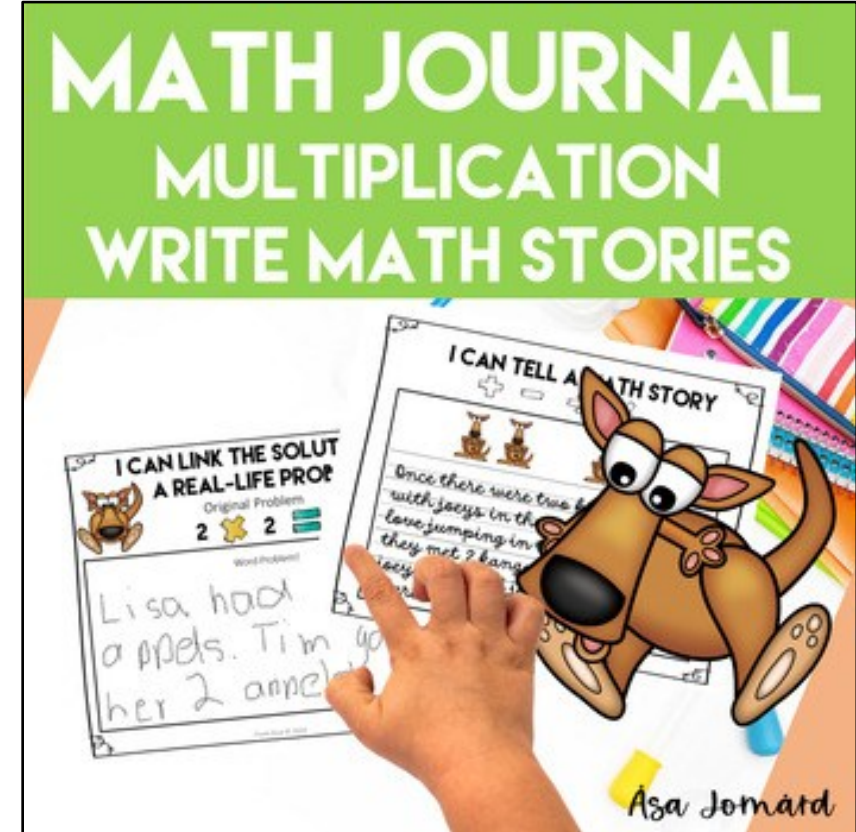
Teacher's Guide

This resource is designed to help students develop confidence and problem-solving skills through engaging math challenges. To make these experiences meaningful and accessible, consider using the following strategies.

- 1. Use Manipulatives**
Provide students with hands-on tools such as counters, blocks, or other everyday objects to represent numbers in problems. Manipulatives help students make sense of abstract concepts by seeing and touching them.
- 2. Incorporate Visual Aids**
Use drawings, diagrams, or pictures to support comprehension. Visuals can help students organize information and understand the structure of a problem.
- 3. Encourage Guess and Check**
Promote flexible thinking by allowing students to try out different answers and test their reasoning. This approach builds persistence and develops critical thinking.
- 4. Reinforce Positivity**
Celebrate students' efforts and progress. Mistakes are a natural part of learning, and encouragement helps build resilience and a growth mindset.
- 5. Teach Problem-Solving Steps**
Guide students through a consistent approach to solving problems. Encourage students to talk through their thinking and reasoning.
 - What do we know?
 - What are we trying to find out?
 - What operation do we need—addition or subtraction?
 - How can we solve it?

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