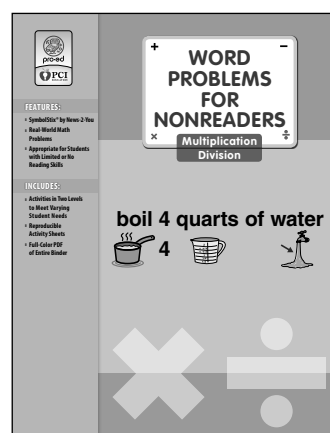
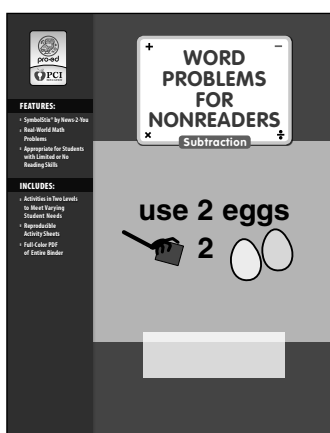
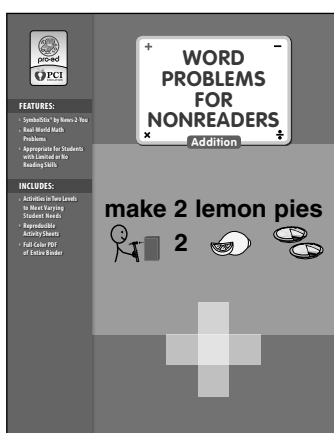


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WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Addition

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_____ lemons to buy for pies

LEVEL 1

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6 dots on the first die
+ 2 dots on the second die

_____ spaces to move

LEVEL 2

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NAME _____

CODES

✓ = Mastery
X = Nonmastery

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PROGRESS CHART

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WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS +

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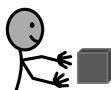
Date _____

Addition

Read the story below, and work the math problem to find the answer.

1

Rosa wants to bake two lemon pies for a party.



2



She will need six lemons to make each pie.



6



How many lemons should Rosa buy at the store?



6



lemons

+

6



lemons

lemons to buy for pies



WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS +

Name _____

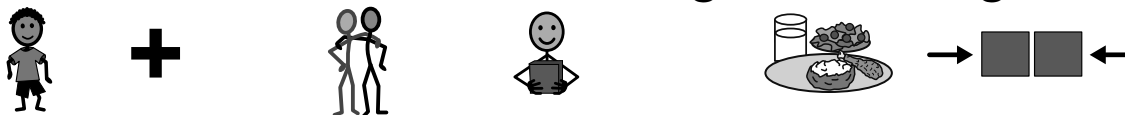
Date _____

Addition

Read the story below, and work the math problem to find the answer.

39

Jess and a friend are having dinner together.



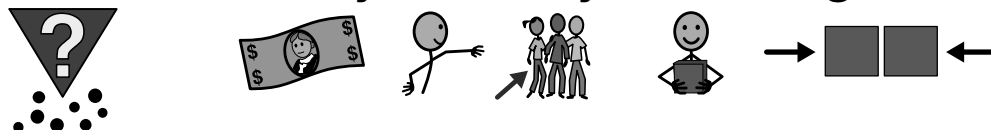
They want to buy a pizza for \$7.00.



The friend has \$2.26, and Jess has \$5.21.



How much money do they have together?



\$	2.26		for		pizza
+	5.21		for		pizza
<hr/>					

\$

the amount of money the friends have

WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS +

Name _____

Date _____

Addition

Read the story below, and work the math problem to find the answer.

66

Bree wants to visit friends in another state.



Each one-way ticket is \$120.



How much money will a round-trip ticket cost?



$$\begin{array}{r} \$120.00 \\ + 120.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

\$



for a one-way ticket

for a one-way ticket



to buy a round-trip plane ticket

WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS +

Name _____

Date _____

Addition

Read each story below, and work the math problems to find the answers.

5

Drew takes the cushions off the sofa to clean it. He finds a quarter and a dime. How much money did Drew find?

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad .25 \quad \text{[quarter coin]} \\ + \quad .10 \quad \text{[dime coin]} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

\$

money found when cleaning

6

Dana takes her cup to the store. She gets a refill for 50¢. Dana also buys pumpkin seeds for 85¢. How much money did she spend?

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad .50 \quad \text{[two quarters]} \quad \text{for [cup icon]} \quad \text{a soft drink refill} \\ + \quad .85 \quad \text{[four pennies]} \quad \text{for [pumpkin seeds bag icon]} \quad \text{pumpkin seeds} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

\$

spent on snacks

WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS +

Name _____





Date _____

Addition

Read each story below, and work the math problems to find the answers.

79

Tisha orders the fish plate for \$2.50. She also gets iced tea for 45¢. How much money does she need to pay?

\$	2.50		for		fish plate
+	.45		for		glass of iced tea
<hr/>					
\$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> </div>	to pay for lunch			

80

Carol buys a pound of sliced turkey for \$6.31. She also buys a pound of cheese for \$2.75. How much money does she spend?


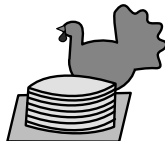

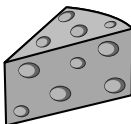
\$	6.31		for		a pound of turkey lunch meat
+	2.75		for		a pound of cheese
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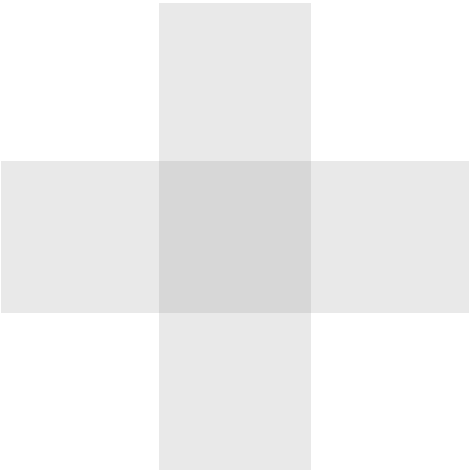
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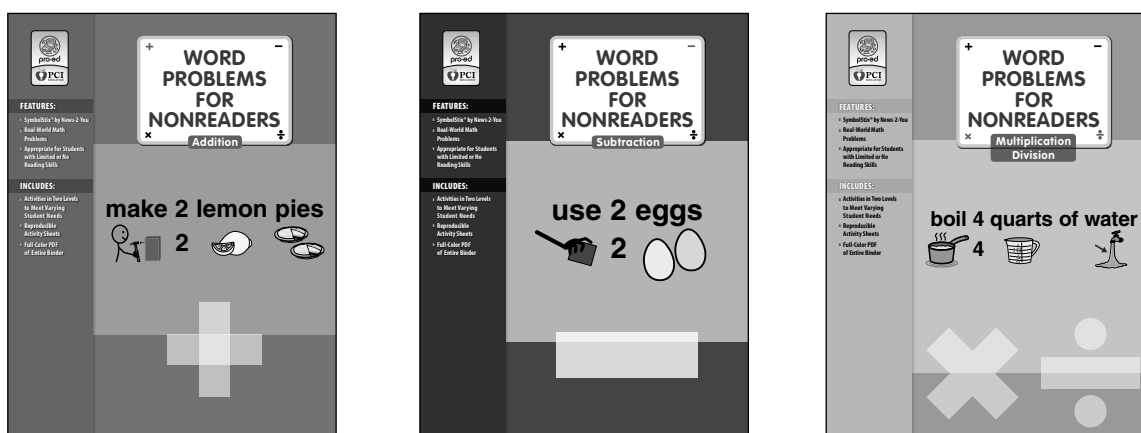
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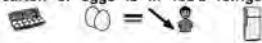
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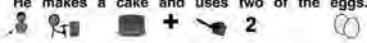
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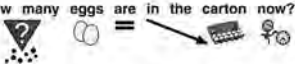
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$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ - 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$


eggs left in the carton

LEVEL 1

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Subtraction


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money left in Pat's wallet

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Subtraction

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+



2



How many eggs are in the carton now?



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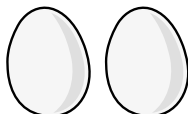
12



eggs in a new carton

-

2



eggs



to make a cake

eggs left in the carton



WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS

Name _____

Date _____

Subtraction

Read the story below, and work the math problem to find the answer.

51

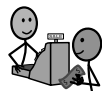
Sam is waiting in line to get an ice cream cone.



He is customer #92.



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#92

The cashier is serving customer #84.



#84

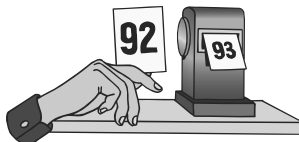
How many people are before him?



=



92



is Sam's number

-

84



is the number of the customer being served

people ahead of him in line



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Date _____

Subtraction

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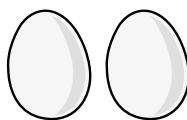
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\$



in Pat's wallet



put in



Pat's piggy bank

money left in Pat's wallet

WORD PROBLEMS FOR NONREADERS

Name _____










Date _____

Subtraction

Read each story below, and work the math problems to find the answers.

99

Denzel is going on vacation for a week. He packed 7 pairs of underwear for the trip. He wears 1 pair per day. How many clean pairs does he have now?

$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ - 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$		<p>7 pairs of underwear for a one week vacation</p>		<p>in his suitcase</p>
      	<p>M T W T F S S</p>	<p>7 days he wore a clean pair</p>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>_____ pairs left at the end of the week</p>			

100

Jerry bought a computer for \$1,495.00. He received a rebate for \$125.00. How much did the computer cost in all?

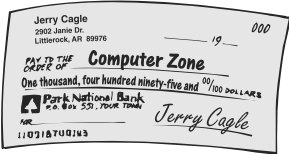
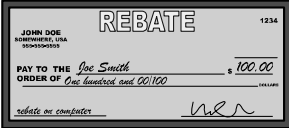
$\begin{array}{r} \$1,495.00 \\ - 125.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$		<p>for new computer</p>
	<p>refund by mail check</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>\$ _____ final cost of the computer</p>	

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