

# Examples of possible word problems



Words that mean the same as addition include:

*altogether, plus, more, and*

- Mum has 3 pink pegs and 5 blue pegs how many altogether?
- Sam has 2 lollies, dad gave him 4 more. How many altogether?
- There are 2 dogs and 3 cats in the backyard. How many animals altogether?

Words that mean the same as subtraction: *take away, minus, left*

- I had 10 cup cakes and ate 3. How many left?
- 5 boys were at the shop, and then 3 boys went home. How many boys stayed at the shop?
- I had 12 straws and mum took 6 straws. How many straws do I have left?
- 8 birds were in a tree. 5 flew away. How many left?



# How can I help my child to answer the questions?

- ✓ Follow the prompts on the blue sheet.
- ✓ Ask your child to draw you a picture.
- ✓ Use objects to work out the problem e.g. pegs, straws, buttons, soft drink lids, counters. At this stage of development it is important that children see, feel and touch object to help them work out a maths problem.

***Remember, maths is all around us. Using everyday experiences you encounter with your child are the best because the experience is real and meaningful.***

***If you need support, please see your child's class teacher.***

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