## MATH STORY PROBLEM TYPES

## Joining Problems

| Join (Result Unknown) $6+3=$ | Join (Change Unknown) $4+\ldots=7$ | Join (Start Unknown) $\ldots+4=6$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Smith had 6 cookies. Suzy gave him 3 more cookies. How many cookies does Mr. Smith have now? | Mr. Smith had 4 cookies. Suzy gave him some more. Then, Mr. Smith had 7 cookies. How many cookies did Suzy give Mr. Smith? | Mr. Smith had some cookies. Suzy gave him 4 more cookies. Then, he had 6 cookies. How many cookies did Mr. Smith start with? |

## Separating Problems

| Separate (Result Unknown) | Separate (Change Unknown) <br> $\mathbf{7 - 4 =}$ <br> $\mathbf{5 - K}$ | Separate (Start Unknown) <br> $\mathbf{- 4 = 4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Smith had 7 cookies. He gave 4 of <br> them to Suzy. How many cookies did <br> Mr. Smith have left? | Mr. Smith had 5 cookies. He gave some <br> to Suzy. Then, he had 1 cookie left. <br> How many cookies did Mr. Smith give to <br> Suzy? | Mr. Smith had some cookies. He gave 4 <br> to Suzy. Then, he had 4 cookies left. <br> How many cookies did Mr. Smith have to <br> start with? |

## Part - Part - Whole Problems

Part - Part - Whole (Whole Unknown)
$6+3$ =
Mr. Smith had 6 white cookies and 3 pink cookies. How many cookies did Mr. Smith have altogether?

Part - Part - Whole (Part Unknown)
$4+\ldots=7$
Mr. Smith had 7 cookies. 4 were pink and the rest were white. How many white cookies did Mr. Smith have?

## Comparing Problems

| Compare <br> (Difference Unknown) | Compare <br> (Quantity Unknown) <br> $\mathbf{3 - 3}=$ | Compare <br> (Referent Unknown) <br> $\mathbf{8 - 5}=$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Smith had 5 cookies. Suzy had 3 <br> cookies. How many more cookies did <br> Mr. Smith have than Suzy? | Mr. Smith had 3 cookies. Suzy had 2 <br> more cookies than Mr. Smith. How <br> many cookies did Suzy have? | Mr. Smith had 8 cookies. He had 5 <br> more than Suzy. How many cookies did <br> Suzy have? |

## Multiplying and Dividing Problems

| Multiplication $3 \times 3=$ | Measurement Division $9 \div 3=$ | Partitive Division $12 \div 3=$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Smith had 3 piles of cookies. There were 3 cookies in each pile. How many cookies did Mr. Smith have? | Mr. Smith had 9 cookies. He put 3 cookies in each box. How many boxes did he need? | Mr. Smith had 12 cookies. He wanted to give them to 3 friends. How many cookies did each friend get? |

