

Max's Maths Problem Solving Guide

Read it! Understand it! Solve it!

- **READ:** Read the problem carefully. Look for numbers and words that tell you what to do, like 'total' for addition or 'difference' for subtraction.
- **UNDERSTAND:** Think about what the question is asking. Is it a money problem using £? Do you need to share or group items together?
- **CHOOSE:** Pick the right operation. Look for key words like 'sum', 'altogether', 'left over', or 'times' to help you decide.
- **SOLVE:** Do the maths! Use your column addition, subtraction, or times tables to work out the answer.
- **ANSWER & CHECK:** Write your final answer with the correct units (like £). Then, re-read the question to see if your answer makes sense.

Did you know? Did you know? Max the monkey loves to solve word problems because he thinks every puzzle is like a secret code waiting to be cracked. He uses the RUCSAC method to make sure he never misses a step!

Key vocabulary: Read · Understand · Choose · Solve · Answer · Check · Total · Difference · Product