

Key Words for Math Word Problems

The operations are indicated by the list of words beneath them.

Addition (+)

plus
sum
total
added to
in all
more than
gain of
additional
all together
combined
how many all together
how many in all
how much all together
increase of
increased by

Subtraction (-)

minus
difference
change
taken from (take away)
have left
less than (less)
loss of
remaining
save (archaic)
dropped
how many left (how many more)
how many remain (how many fewer)
how much less (how much more)
decrease (or decrease of)
decreased by
how much more (how much less)

Multiplication (X, ·, or *)

product
times
of (with fractions, decimals, & percents)
twice (or double) – (multiply by two)
triple (multiply by three)

Division (÷, /, or |)

quotient
goes into
per
half (half of) (divide by two)
third (divide by three)
divided by (divided into, equally)
evenly