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Word problems

A word problem is a little story about numbers.

Ben has 3 apples. Mia gives him 2 more.

How many apples in all?

2 more came, so we add. 5 apples.



$$3 + 2 = \boxed{5}$$

There are 5 bananas. Tom eats 2 bananas.

How many bananas are left?

2 are gone, so we take away. 3 bananas.



$$5 - 2 = \boxed{3}$$

Read the story > Find both numbers > More or fewer? > Write it

more, gets, comes, joins → add (+)
eats, takes, flies away, gives away → take away (-)
Words help, but they are not the rule. Act the story out.
All the numbers here stay at 10 or under.
Read the story aloud together the first few times.