

# TYPES OF WORD PROBLEMS

Students are familiar with determining the action occurring within each type of word problem below.

## JOINING

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In this number story, one amount is joined to another amount.

Thomas had six cookies.  
Elizabeth gave him 3 more cookies. How many cookies does Thomas have now?

## TAKE AWAY

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In this number story, one amount is taken away from another amount.

Thomas had six cookies. He gave 3 of them to Elizabeth. How many cookies does Thomas have now?

## COMPARE

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Is this number story, one amount is compared to another.

Thomas had 12 cookies.  
Elizabeth had 15 cookies. How many more cookies does Elizabeth have than Thomas?

## PART-PART-WHOLE

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In this number story a part or whole can be missing.

Thomas baked 12 cookies.  
Elizabeth baked some cookies too. They baked 26 cookies all together. How many cookies did Elizabeth bake?