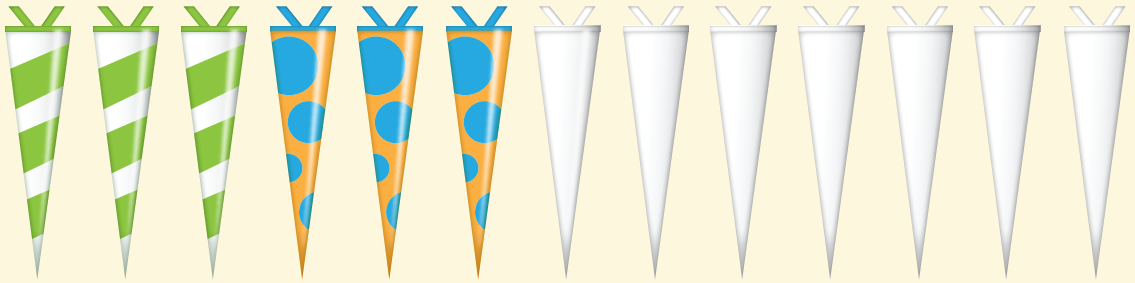
# Solve Two-Step Word Problems

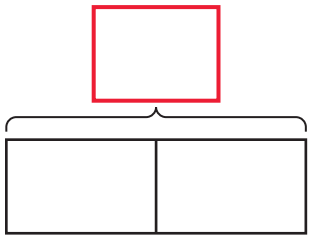
## Use What You Know

**You know how to solve one-step word problems.**

Eve had 3 striped banners and 3 dotted banners. Then she made 7 white banners. How many banners does Eve have now?



**a.** How many striped and dotted banners are there? Fill in the model at the right.

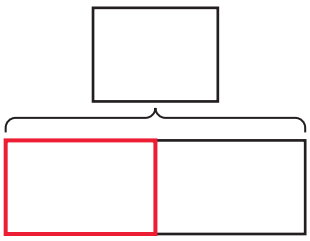



**b.** Now write an equation. How many striped and dotted banners are there in all?

_____ + _____ = _____

**c.** How many white banners are there? _____

**d.** Add the white banners to the total in Problem b. Fill in the model at the right to show this.




**e.** Now write an equation. How many banners are there in all?

_____ + _____ = _____


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The problem on the previous page is a two-step problem.
First, you added the striped and dotted banners.
Then you added the white banners to the sum.

**Step 1:** $3 + 3 = 6$ **Step 2:** $6 + 7 = 13$

Now look at this two-step problem.

Juan had 3 pink markers and 7 green markers.
He lost 2 markers. How many markers does
he have now?

**Step 1:** Add to find the total number of markers Juan had. $3 + 7 = 10$

**Step 2:** Subtract the number of markers Juan lost to find how many he has now. $10 - 2 = 8$

Juan has _____ markers now.

## Reflect **Work with a partner.**

**1 Talk About It** Suki had 17 grapes. She gave 8 grapes to her sister. Then she gave 3 grapes to her friend. Would you add or subtract to find how many grapes Suki has now?

**Write About It** _____

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