

# 3 Tricks

## to Better Understand Story Problems

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NOTICE THE MEANINGS OF THE  
**LITTLE WORDS**

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READ THE PROBLEM  
**WITHOUT NUMBERS**

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IDENTIFY THE  
**SCENE**

# LITTLE WORDS

THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
IN MATH STORY PROBLEMS

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Gary walked  $2\frac{1}{3}$  miles on Monday,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles on Tuesday, and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles on Wednesday. How many miles did he walk in the three days?

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Xander is unpacking books. He unpacked 4 boxes that each had 24 books. Then he unpacked 8 more books. How many books did Xander unpack?

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Graham has  $\frac{1}{3}$  box of food for his iguana that needs to last 6 days. How much food should he give his iguana each day so that it gets the same amount every day?

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Jerome is helping pack canned goods into boxes for the food pantry. There are 647 cans of food. He can put 16 cans in each box. How many boxes does Jerome need?

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Benjamin has 15 feet of ribbon to cut into  $\frac{1}{3}$  foot sections for a scrapbooking project. If he needs 48 pieces of ribbon to complete the project, does he have enough ribbon?