

Choose Your Operation: What Should I Do?

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Math Problem Solving

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Answer the questions about choosing the correct operation in math problems.

1. In math, we add when we have ____ items.
2. What does the word 'left' usually mean in a math problem?
 - A. Add
 - B. Subtract
 - C. Multiply

3. We need to use subtraction for problems about 'total'.
 True False

4. Draw a line from each keyword to its operation.

Total

Add

Left

Subtract

5. What is a key word that helps us know to add? Circle the correct answer.

More

Left

Take away

6. We use base-ten blocks to help us ____ problems.

7. It is important to choose the right operation to solve word problems.

True

False

8. What helped you choose the right operation today?

9. What was the most challenging part of today's problems?

- A. Finding numbers
- B. Choosing operations
- C. Drawing pictures

10. We can find the answer to a problem by using ____ thinking.

Answer Key

1. more 2. Subtract 3. False 4. 0 5. 0 6. model 7. True 8. Looking for key words like 'more'. 9. Choosing operations 10. multi-step