Math Word Problems Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script

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1   Welcome to Unsolved Mystery Boot Camp [gesture]

All   Yes Sir! [gesture]

1   I am Inspector Sherlock, your Word Problem sergeant. [gesture]

All   Yes, sir! [gesture]

1   These are my cadets,

2   Addition,

3   Subtraction,

4   Multiplication,

5   and Division! [gesture]

2   This week you will earn how to solve Word Problems.

1   First, you need to read the problem. [gesture]

2   What comes first?

All   READ THE WORD PROBLEM, SIR! [gesture]

1   Right

3   Next, you look for the question. [gesture]

4   What is the question? [gesture]

All   It is the mystery we're trying to solve, sir. [gesture]

1   The mystery we're trying to solve! Correct!

3   You also need to search for clue words! [gesture] [sound effect]

All   Search for clue words, sir! [gesture] [sound effect]

2   For **addition** we search for
altogether,
sum,
in all,
or *how many*! [gesture]

All   For **addition** we search for
altogether,
sum,
in all,
or *how many,* sir! [gesture]

3   For **subtraction** we search for
more than,
less than,
compare
and *difference.* [gesture]

All   For **subtraction** we search for
more than,
less than,
compare
and *difference.* [gesture]

4   For **multiplication** we search for
times,
groups,
or *total.* [gesture]

All   For **multiplication** we search for
times,
groups,
or *total.* [gesture]

5   For **division** just remember the word *each*! [gesture]

All   For **division** just remember the word *each*! [gesture]

1   Now you're ready to solve the mystery!

2   Reread the word problem. [gesture]

3   Use the clue words to decide what to do. [gesture]

4   Now solve the word problem!

All   We're ready to solve the problem, sir! [gesture] [sound effect]

1   Halt, does your answer make sense? Is it a logical answer?

All   Sir, yes sir! [gesture]

5   Thank you Inspector Sherlock!

All   For helping us solve the Math Story Problem mystery, sir! [gesture]

1   Dismissed! [gesture]