

**Word Problem Type Chart**

	Result Unknown	Change Unknown	Start Unknown
<b>Add To/Join</b>	Sierra has 3 coins. She earned 2 more coins. How many coins does she have now?	Camden had 10 dinosaurs. He got some more on his birthday. Now he has 14 dinosaurs. How many dinosaurs did he get on his birthday?	Jaeger had some cookies. He made 24 more. Now he has 63. How many cookies did he have before he made more?
<b>Take From/Separate</b>	Jaeger made 46 cookies. His siblings ate 19 of them. How many cookies does he have left?	Sierra had 3 coins. She lost some and now she has 1 coin. How many coins did she lose?	Camden had some dinosaurs. Then he sold 13 of them. He still has 26 left. How many dinosaurs did he have before he sold some?
	Total Unknown	Addend Unknown	Both Addends Unknown
<b>Put Together-Take Apart/Part-Part-Whole</b>	Sierra has 2 dimes and 3 pennies. How many coins does she have?	Jaeger has 37 cookies. 28 of the cookies are chocolate chip and the rest are oatmeal. How many oatmeal cookies does Jaeger have?	Camden keeps his dinosaurs out on a shelf or in his toy box. He has 12 dinosaurs. How many could he put on his shelf and how many would be left in his toy box?
	Difference Unknown	Bigger Unknown	Smaller Unknown
<b>Compare</b>	Camden has 14 dinosaurs in his toy box and 7 dinosaurs sitting on his shelf. How many fewer dinosaurs are on his shelf than in his toy box?	Sierra has 5 dimes. She has 4 fewer dimes than pennies. How many pennies does Sierra have?	Jaeger made 34 chocolate chip cookies. He made 18 more chocolate chip than oatmeal cookies. How many oatmeal cookies did he make?

Word problems get more challenging for students as you move across the table. Green types are easier, then yellow, then darker yellow, and then the red are the most difficult because they do not give children anything to start with. 'Both Addends Unknown' problems are easier if children are only asked to find 1 answer. They become difficult if they are asked to find all answers.