

Thanksgiving Word Problems



JOIN • SEPARATE • COMPARE

29 pages • 6 formats • 52 word problems





Every page opens with a short Thanksgiving-themed word problem to read — joining, separating, comparing, finding a missing part, or a full story with work space — and every sum or difference stays within 20. Nothing here is a timed probe; this is untimed practice.

THREE STEPS

- 1 **Pick the format**
Join Problems (pages 6–7), Separate Problems (pages 8–9), Compare Problems (pages 10–11), Missing Addend Problems (pages 12–13), Mixed Story Problems (pages 14–15), or Cut and Glue (pages 16–17). The contents page (5) gives every page number.
- 2 **Work the page, check the answer**
Every page has its own name/date line and a “My work” space. The three answer key pages (18–20) are generated from the same numbers the worksheets use.
- 3 **Record it, send it home**
Score each format on the tracker (page 21), see it as a bar graph on the snapshot (page 22), roll the group up on page 23, and send the family update (page 25) and home practice page (page 26).

WHICH PAGE, WHEN

WHEN...	USE...
Adding on to find a new total	Join Problems, page 6–7
Taking away to find what is left	Separate Problems, page 8–9
Comparing two totals	Compare Problems, page 10–11
Finding the missing part of a story	Missing Addend Problems, page 12–13
Reading a full word problem and showing work	Mixed Story Problems, page 14–15
Better with cutting and gluing	Cut and Glue, page 16–17

Everything inside (29 pages)

- 8 **Join Problems**, 2 pages
- 8 **Separate Problems**, 2 pages
- 8 **Compare Problems**, 2 pages
- 8 **Missing Addend Problems**, 2 pages
- 8 **Mixed Story Problems** plus 1 worked example, 2 pages
- 12 **Cut and Glue pieces**, 2 pages
- 3 **answer keys**, 1 **tracker**, 1 **snapshot**, 1 **class grid**
- 1 **family update**, 1 **home page**, 1 **filled example**, 1 **phrase bank**, 1 **binder cover** with tabs

Every value hand-computed, every answer checked

Every answer in this file is the sum or difference of the numbers in the story, checked by an automatic test every time the file is built — a wrong hand computation fails the build instead of shipping.



MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Add to find out how many there are now. Write the answer.

1

Maya has 8 cranberries. Maya finds 3 more cranberries. How many cranberries does Maya have now?

My work

2

Liam has 7 dinner rolls. Liam finds 6 more dinner rolls. How many dinner rolls does Liam have now?

My work

3

Zoe has 9 pie slices. Zoe finds 7 more pie slices. How many pie slices does Zoe have now?

My work

4

Dmitri has 10 acorns. Dmitri finds 8 more acorns. How many acorns does Dmitri have now?

My work





MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Subtract to find out how many are left. Write the answer.

1

Marcus has 15 candy corn. Marcus eats 6 candy corn. How many candy corn does Marcus have left?

My work

2

Simone has 18 walnuts. Simone shares with a friend 5 walnuts. How many walnuts does Simone have left?

My work

3

Teo has 14 dinner rolls. Teo gives away 9 dinner rolls. How many dinner rolls does Teo have left?

My work

4

Juniper has 20 paper leaves. Juniper loses to the wind 8 paper leaves. How many paper leaves does Juniper have left?

My work





MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Compare the two totals. Write how many more.

1

Lorenzo has 13 cranberries. Ruby has 6 cranberries. How many more cranberries does Lorenzo have than Ruby?

My work

2

Soleil has 14 pie slices. Benicio has 8 pie slices. How many more pie slices does Soleil have than Benicio?

My work

3

Clara has 17 acorns. Idris has 8 acorns. How many more acorns does Clara have than Idris?

My work

4

Thaddeus has 11 corn muffins. Tavia has 7 corn muffins. How many more corn muffins does Thaddeus have than Tavia?

My work



MISSING ADDEND
PROBLEMS, SET A

MY NAME:

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Read the story. Figure out the missing number. Write the answer.

1

Callum has 8 cranberries. Callum gets some more cranberries. Now Callum has 15 cranberries. How many cranberries did Callum get?

My work

2

Ember has 5 pie slices. Ember gets some more pie slices. Now Ember has 13 pie slices. How many pie slices did Ember get?

My work

3

Arlo has 9 corn muffins. Arlo gets some more corn muffins. Now Arlo has 20 corn muffins. How many corn muffins did Arlo get?

My work

4

Petra has 4 acorns. Petra gets some more acorns. Now Petra has 10 acorns. How many acorns did Petra get?

My work



MIXED STORY PROBLEMS, SET A



MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Show your work. Write the answer.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Example: Bodhi has 8 cranberries. He finds 9 more cranberries while helping set the table before dinner. How many cranberries does Bodhi have now?

$$8 + 9 = 17$$

1

Bodhi has 13 cranberries. Bodhi gives away 9 cranberries to a cousin. How many cranberries does Bodhi have left?

My work

2

Saoirse has 17 cranberries. Saoirse gives away 5 cranberries to a neighbor. How many cranberries does Saoirse have left?

My work

3

Remy has 13 cranberries. Remy gives away 2 cranberries to a classmate. How many cranberries does Remy have left?

My work

4

Vivian has 19 cranberries. Vivian gives away 16 cranberries to a grandparent. How many cranberries does Vivian have left?

My work





MY NAME:

DATE



Cut out the answers. Glue each one next to the equation it solves.

1

$9 + 6$

?

2

$13 - 5$

?

3

$8 + 8$

?

4

$19 - 7$

?

5

$5 + 9$

?

6

$17 - 8$

?



Cut on the dashed lines.

8

16

12

14

9

15





STUDENT

TEACHER

DATE

SKILL AREA	ITEMS	SCORE	NOTES
Join Problems	8		
Separate Problems	8		
Compare Problems	8		
Missing Addend Problems	8		
Mixed Story Problems	8		
Cut and Glue	12		
Total	52		

How to score it

Write the number correct in Score. 52 items in all across six word-problem formats. A filled example is on page 24, and the same six scores become a bar graph on the snapshot, page 22.

THIS STUDENT IS WORKING ON (JOINING, SEPARATING, COMPARING, MISSING ADDEND, FULL WORD PROBLEMS...)



HARLOW'S TRACKER, INVENTED



Harlow B. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 21.

STUDENT

TEACHER

Harlow B. (an invented student)

Mr. Osei (invented)

SKILL AREA	ITEMS	SCORE	NOTES
Join Problems	8	7	
Separate Problems	8	6	
Compare Problems	8	6	
Missing Addend Problems	8	5	
Mixed Story Problems	8	6	
Cut and Glue	12	10	
Total	52	40	

How to read it

Harlow B. scored **40 of 52** items across all six word-problem formats. The lowest scores are on Join Problems (7 of 8), Separate Problems (6 of 8), Compare Problems (6 of 8), Missing Addend Problems (5 of 8), Mixed Story Problems (6 of 8), Cut and Glue (10 of 12). Every number here comes from the table above.

Two things the Notes column is for

- What you saw, in plain words: counted on fingers one at a time instead of starting from the bigger number, mixed up which total was bigger on a Compare item, needed a model for Missing Addend.
- What you did about it: went back to Join Problems before trying Missing Addend, or moved on to the next format. Never a conclusion about the student — that is the team meeting's job.

The same six scores on the snapshot graph (page 22)

Harlow B.'s bars would look like this today:

Join Problems		7/8
Separate Problems		6/8
Compare Problems		6/8
Missing Addend Problems		5/8
Mixed Story Problems		6/8
Cut and Glue		10/12



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WHAT'S NEXT FROM THIS STORE



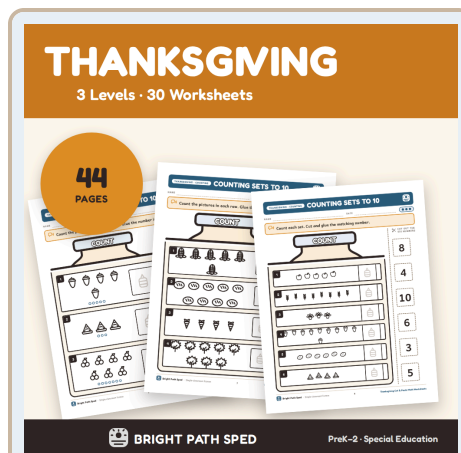
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