Eight Steps to Success with Word Problems

1. **Read** and **visualize** the situation described.
2. **Identify** what you are going to find.
3. **List** given information.
4. **Estimate** outcome.
5. **Analyze** the problem to determine which operations are involved.
6. **Set-up** the problem in mathematical symbols and terms.
7. **Calculate** the problem.
8. **Check the answer.** Is it properly labeled? Does the answer make sense?