

# P2 Parents' Workshop 2022



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***“Helping your child to Understand and  
Solve Word Problems”***



# Outline of Workshop

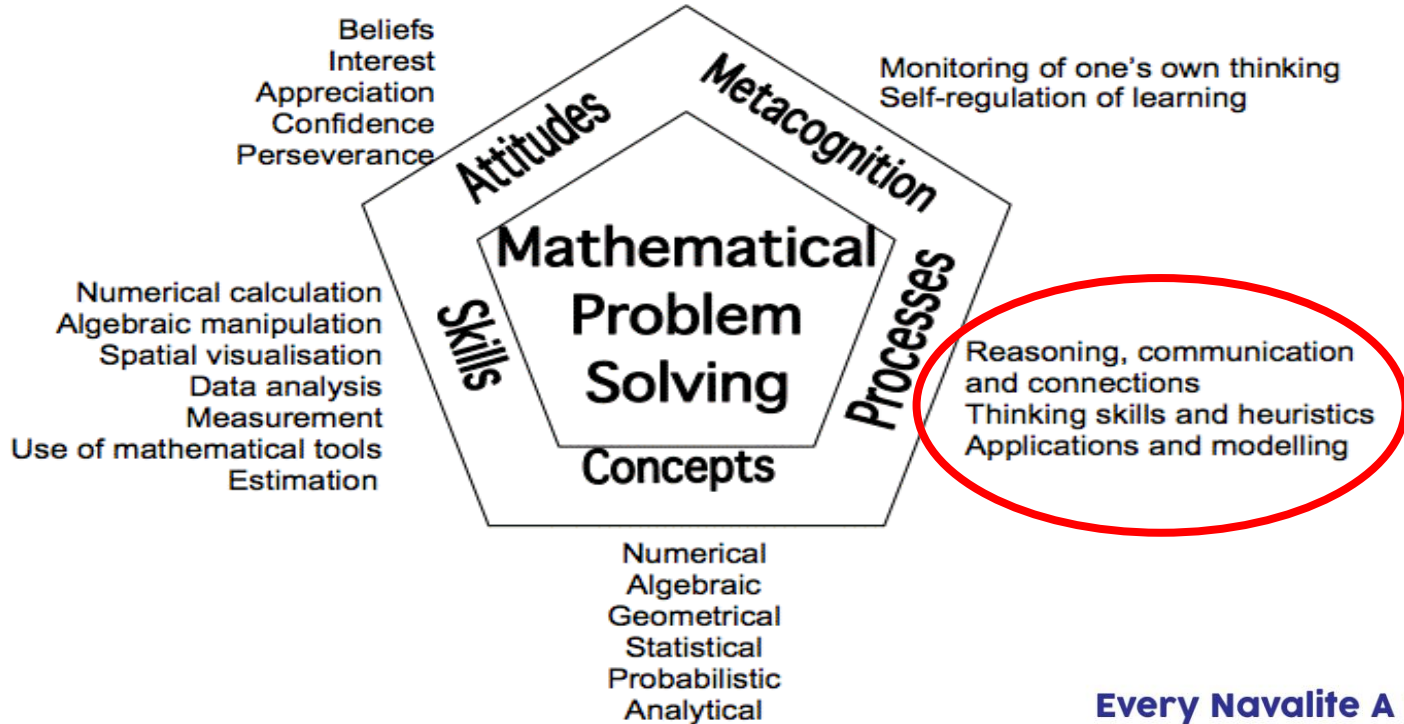


- MOE Math Framework
- STAR Framework
- Model Drawing and Problem Solving
- Hands-on Session
- Q&A Session

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# MOE Math Framework



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# FREMC Structure



- **F**actual Fluency
- **R**eadiness
- **E**ngagement
- **M**astery
- **C**onsolidation

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# Factual Fluency



- One of the key structures of ICAN
- Time was set aside in Math lesson to practise **basic number facts regularly**
- **Different forms**: Speed Test, Class Practice and Games using fact cards
- Eases the students' **cognitive load** when learning new concepts

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# Why Factual Fluency?

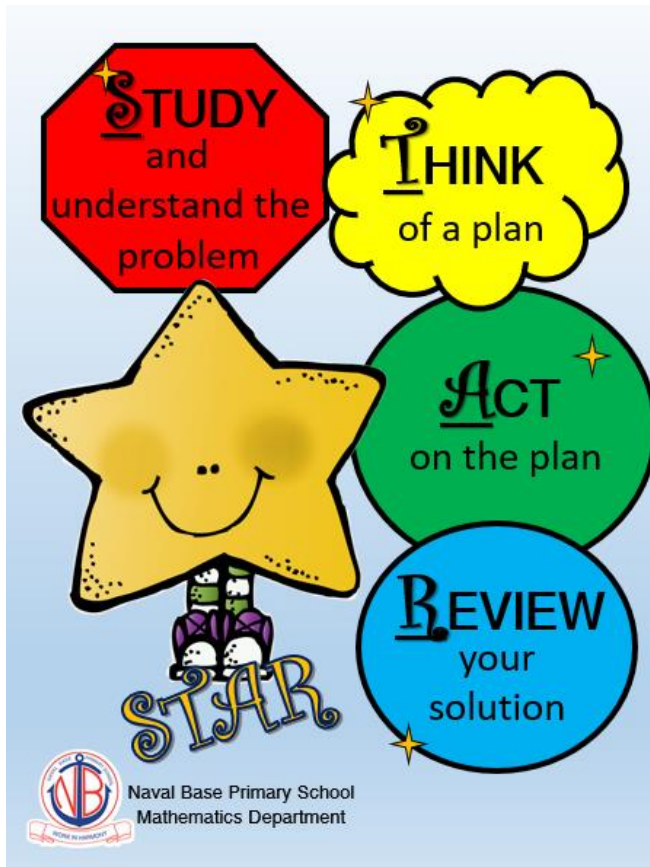


- Get students to be familiar with the recall of basic mathematical facts/rules and formulae **automatically** and **without hesitation**.
- It has also shown that students who cannot recall number facts automatically often cannot calculate accurately and also struggle with even higher order thinking skills.

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# STAR Framework



- **Systematic approach** to scaffold students in problem solving
- Students use it as a **checklist** when they are solving word problems
- Implemented across levels P1 - P6

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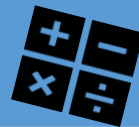


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## Study & Understand

- Annotate the word problem.
- Ask the three guiding questions.
- *What am I given?*
- *What can I find out?*
- *What am I looking for?*

## Think of a plan to solve the problem

## Act on the plan to solve the problem

## Review and check your solution



## Guiding questions for problem sums



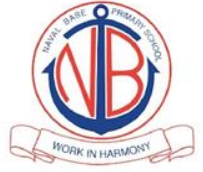
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# Why Model Drawing?

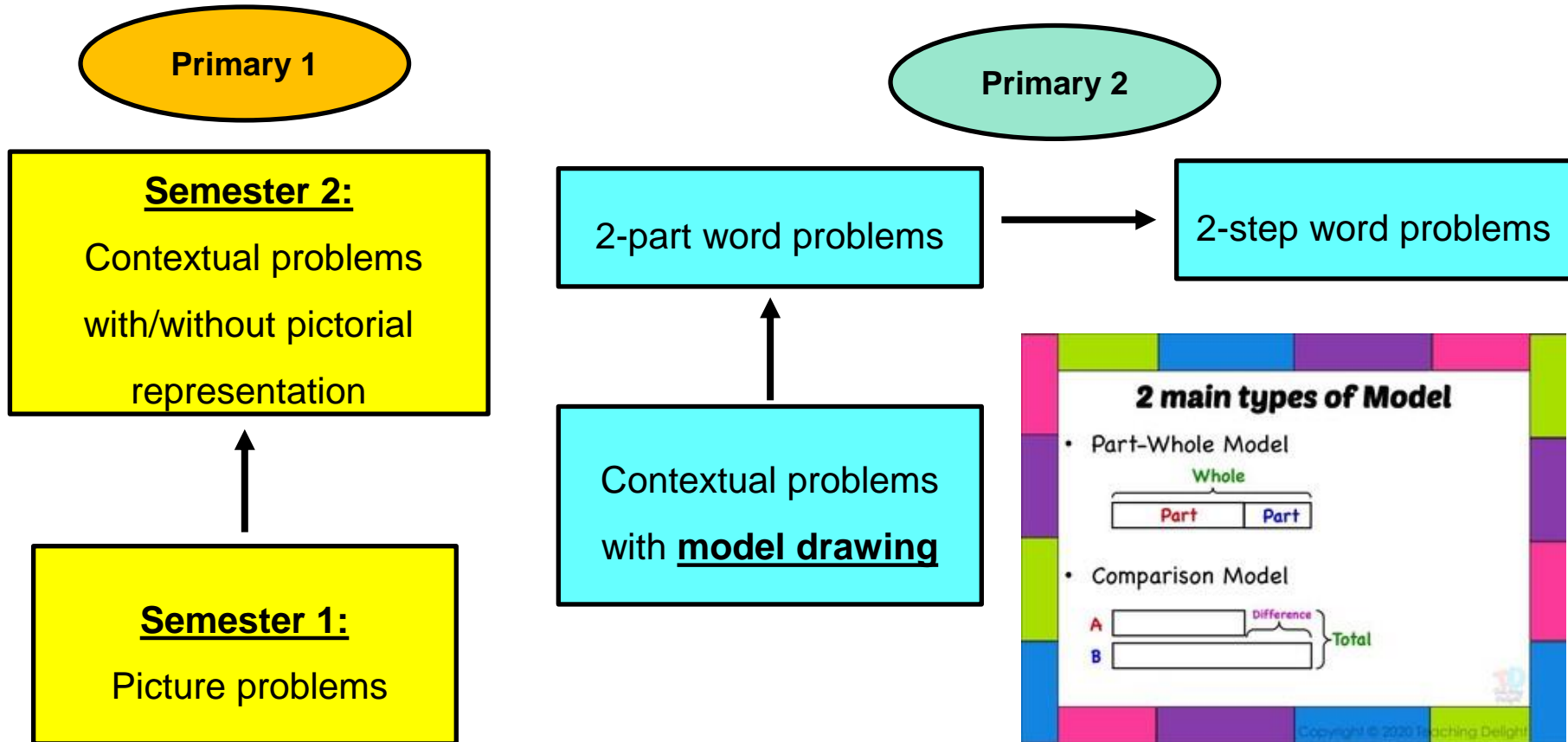


- **Visual representation** of given information
- **Helps students think logically** using visual models to determine their computations
- **Empowers students to think systematically** and master more difficult problems
- **Makes multi-step and multi-concept problems easy to work on**

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# Scaffolding of Word Problems



# Standardisation across P1 – P6



1. Pencil & Ruler
2. Location: Start of the solution
3. 2 models: same starting line
4. Label model

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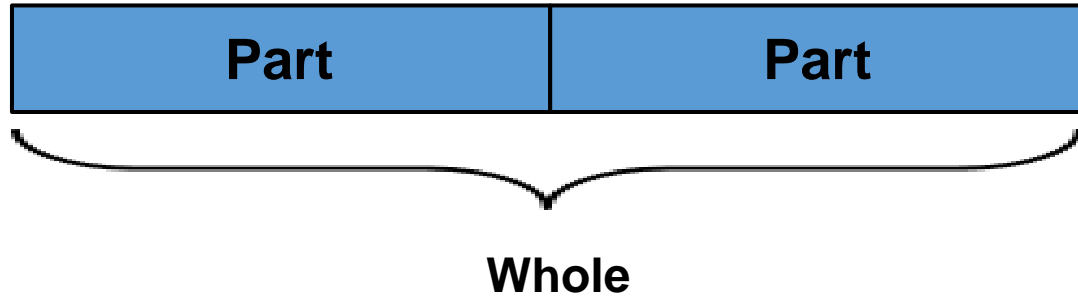


# Part-Whole Model

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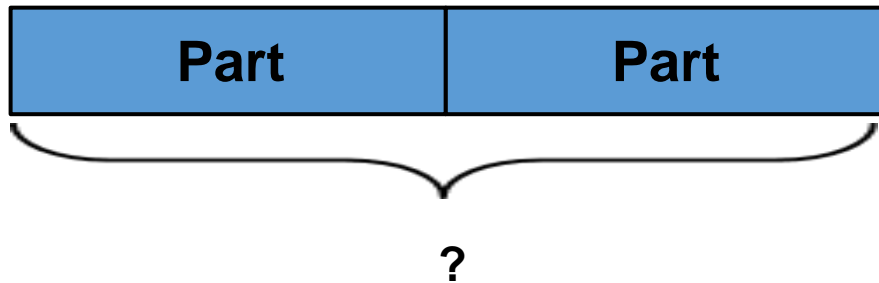
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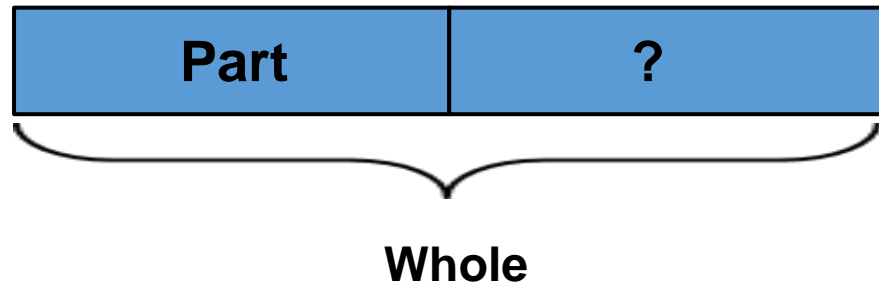
# Part-Whole Model

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**Given parts, find whole**

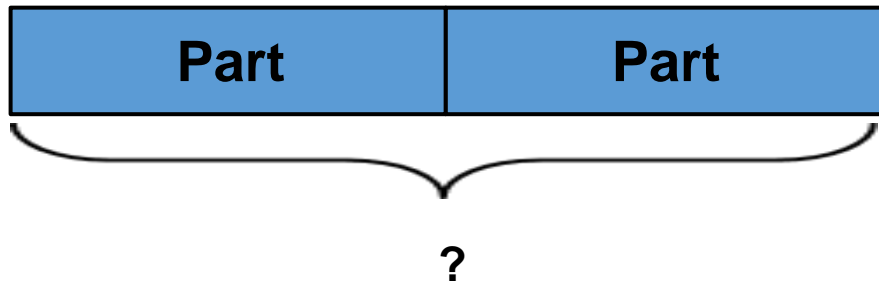
b)



**Given whole, find a part**

# Let's look at .....

a)



**Given parts, find whole**



# STAR Approach to Problem-Solving

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Step 4: Review your answer

Alice baked 150 cookies on Monday.  
She baked another 100 cookies on Tuesday.  
(How many cookies) did she bake (altogether?)

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Part

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**Strategy:** Use **Part-Whole Model** to find the **total** number of cookies

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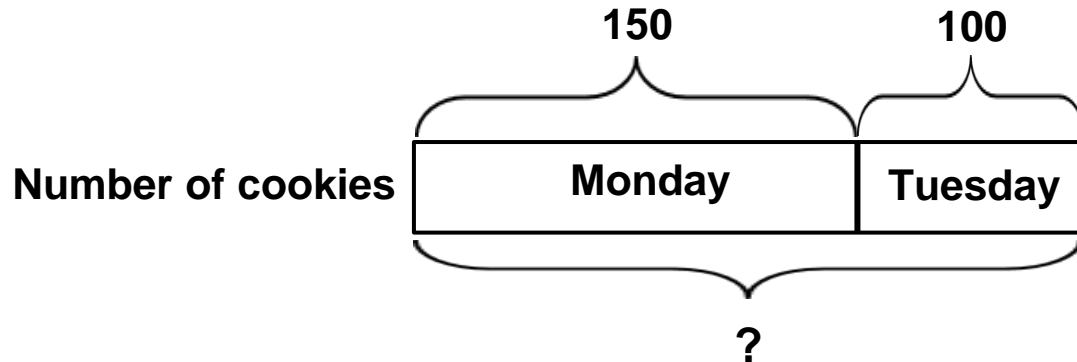
Alice baked 150 cookies on Monday.

She baked another 100 cookies on Tuesday.

(How many cookies) did she bake (altogether)?

Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions



$$150 + 100 = 250$$

She baked 250 cookies altogether.

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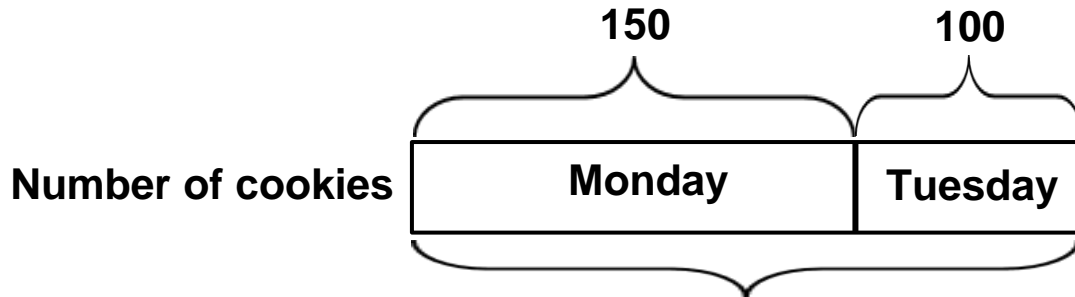
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## Step 4: Review

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## Check:

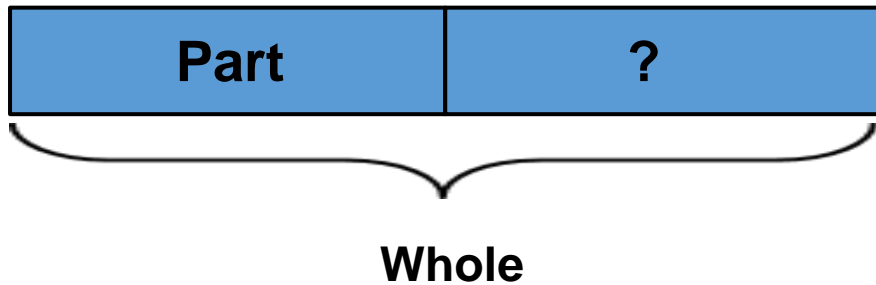
Total number of cookies: 250

$$250 - 100 = 150$$



# Let's look at .....

b)



Given whole, find a part

# STAR Approach to Problem-Solving

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Step 4: Review your answer

Ali has 320 stickers altogether.

He sold 50 stickers in the morning and the rest in the afternoon.

(How many stickers) did he sell in the (afternoon?)

**Guiding  
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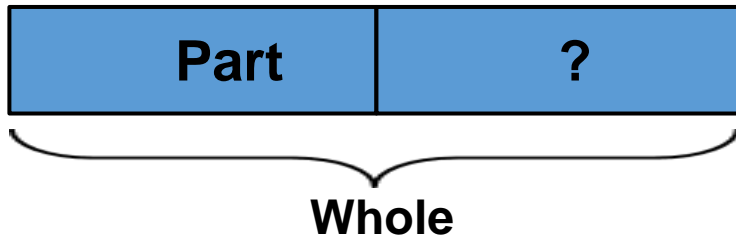
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**Strategy:** Use **Part-Whole Model** to find the **number of stickers** sold in the **afternoon**



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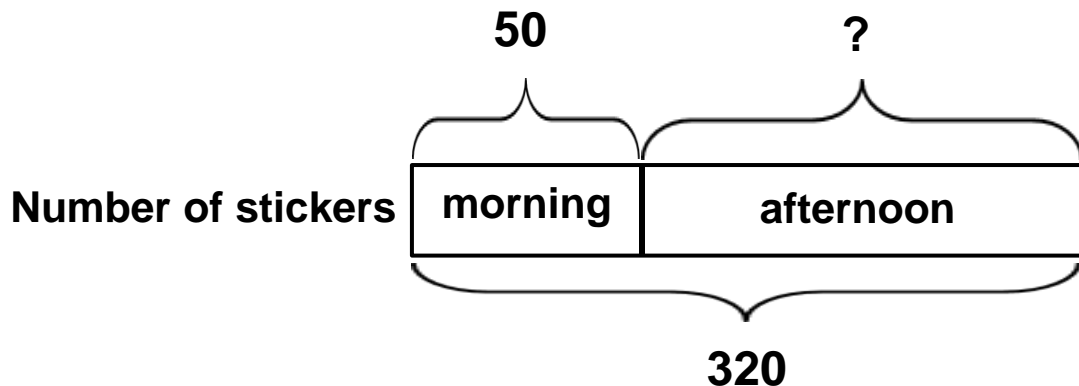
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$$320 - 50 = 270$$

He sold 270 stickers in the afternoon.

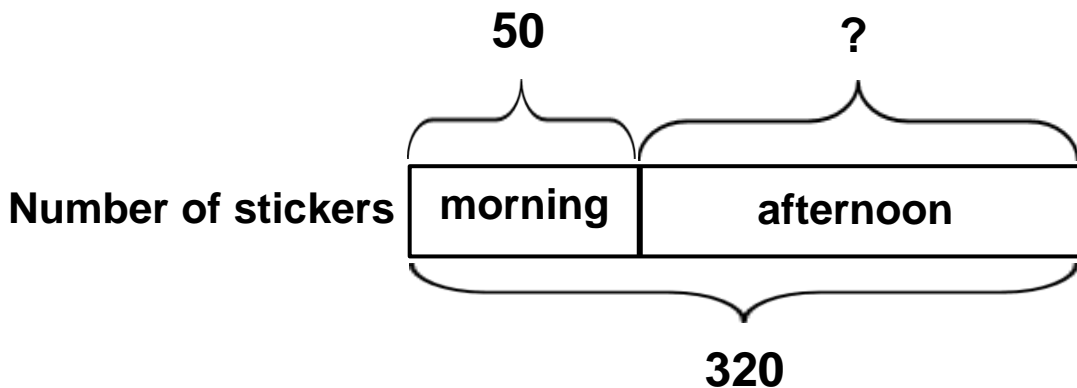
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Check:

Stickers sold in the afternoon = 270

$$270 + 50 = 320$$



Step 4: Review

- Have I answered the question?
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# Comparison Model (Two Quantities)

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Mr Lee sold 124 books on Tuesday.

He sold 135 books on Wednesday.

(How many more books) did he sell on Wednesday than on Tuesday?



**Guiding questions for problem sums**

- 1 What am I given?**
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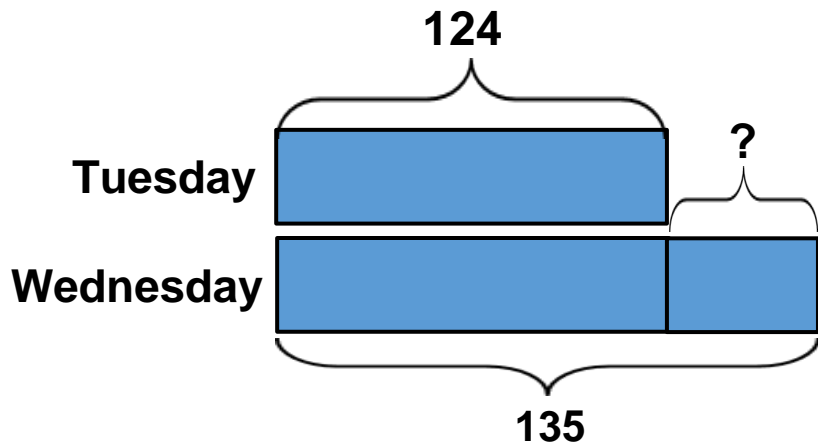
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Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
- Have I solved similar problems before?

**Strategy:** Use **Comparison Model** to compare and find the **extra** number of books sold on Wednesday

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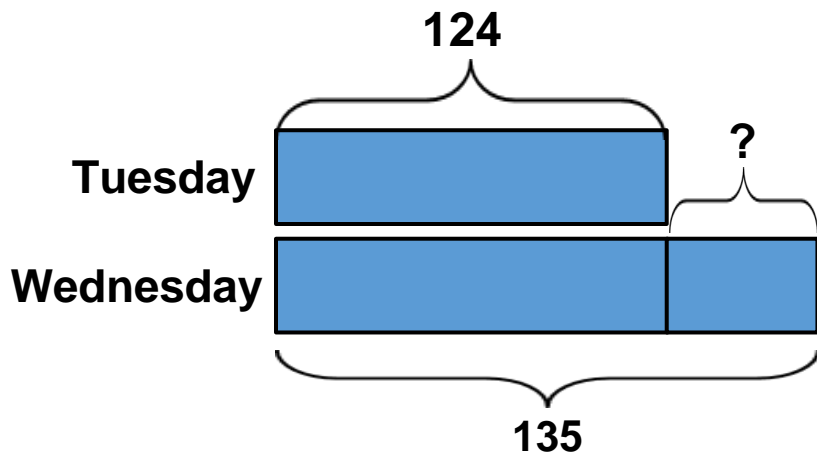
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- I will write out the steps of my solutions



$$135 - 124 = 11$$

He sold 11 more books on Wednesday than on Tuesday.

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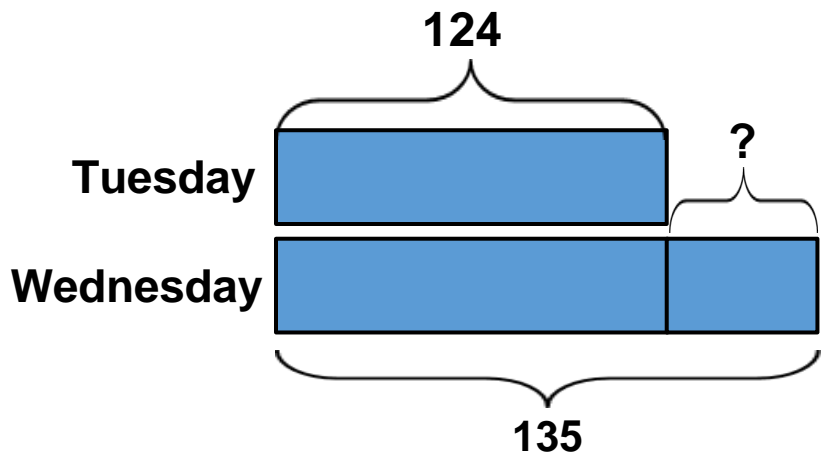
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Step 4: Review your answer

Mr Lee sold 124 books on Tuesday.

He sold 135 books on Wednesday.

(How many more books) did he sell on Wednesday than on Tuesday?



Check:

$$11 + 124 = 135$$



OR

$$135 - 11 = 124$$



Step 4: Review

- Have I answered the question?
- Is my answer reasonable / make sense?
- Have I checked my answers?
- Is there a better alternative?



# STAR Approach to Problem-Solving

Step 1: Study and understand the word problem carefully

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Mr Ahmad sold 463 books on Thursday.

He sold 214 fewer books on Thursday than on Friday.

(How many books) did he (sell on Friday?)

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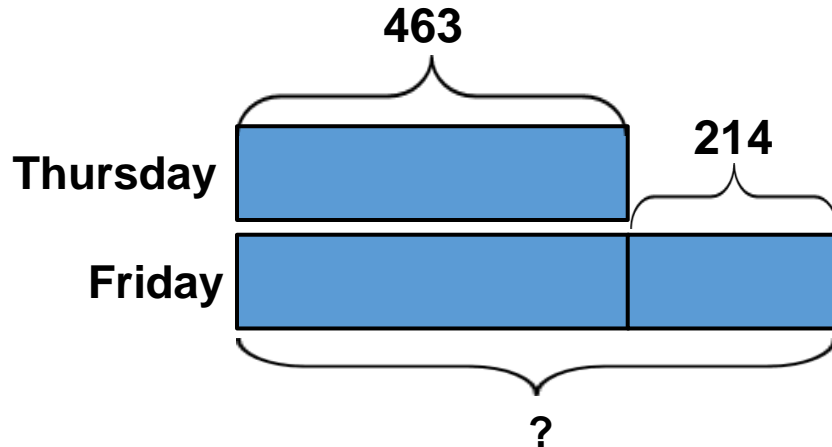
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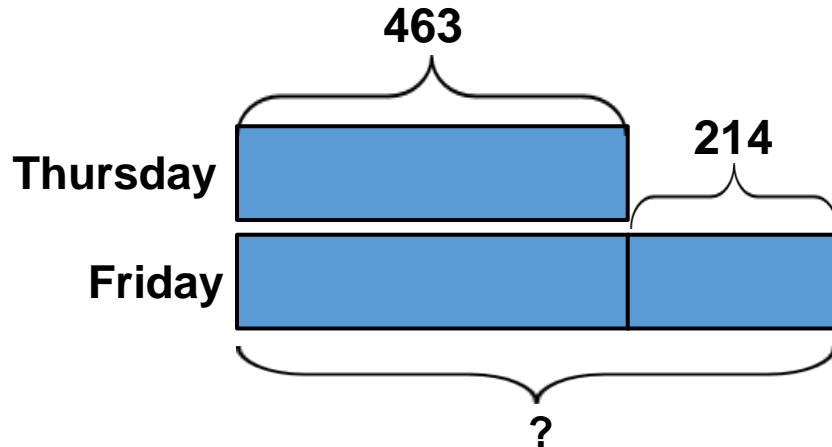
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Mr Ahmad sold 463 books on Thursday.

He sold 214 fewer books on Thursday than on Friday.

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$$463 + 214 = 677$$

He sold 677 books on Friday.

Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions

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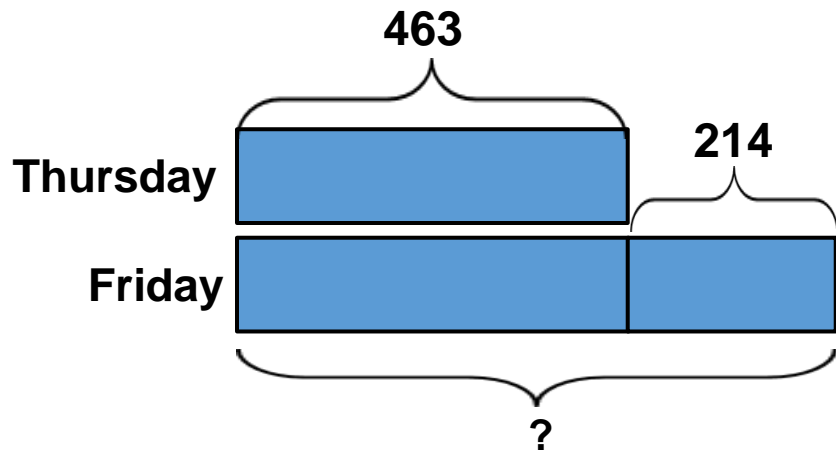
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## Check:

$$677 - 214 = 463$$



OR

$$677 - 463 = 214$$





# Comparison Model (Three Quantities)

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There were 400 aeroplanes in a toy shop.

There were 150 more cars than aeroplanes.

There were 300 fewer dolls than cars.

(How many dolls were there?)

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**1** What am I given?

**2** What can I find out?  
Number of cars

**3** What am I looking for?  
Number of dolls

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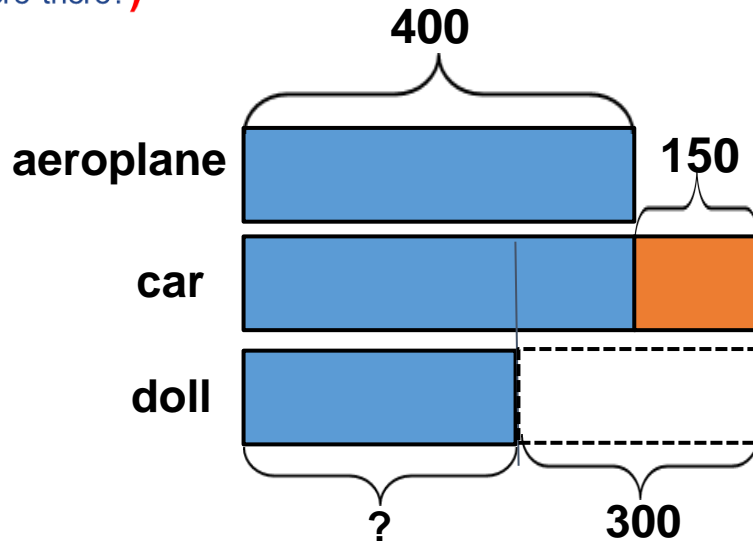
There were 400 aeroplanes in a toy shop.

There were 150 more cars than aeroplanes.

There were 300 fewer dolls than cars.

(How many dolls were there?)

**Strategy: Use Comparison Model to find the number of cars first and then the number of dolls.**



Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
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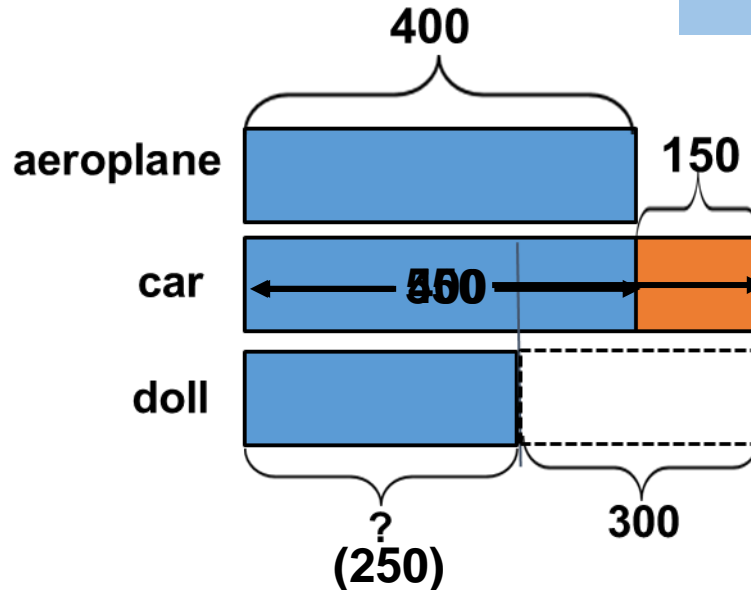
(How many dolls were there?)

Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions

Number of cars:  $400 + 150 = 550$

Number of dolls:  $550 - 300 = 250$



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## Check:

Work backwards to check  
if I get 400 aeroplanes

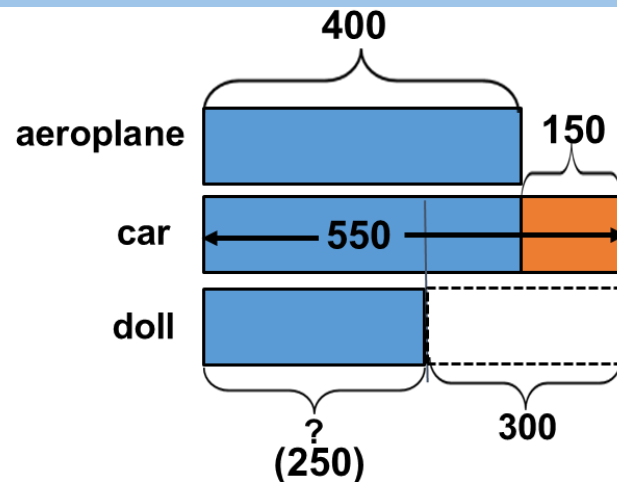
Dolls: 250

Cars:  $250 + 300 = 550$

Aeroplanes:  $550 - 150 = \underline{400}$  ✓

## Step 4: Review

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Mr Lee sold 567 tickets on Monday.

He sold 237 fewer tickets on Monday than Tuesday.

On Wednesday, he sold 150 more tickets than on Tuesday.

(a) (How many tickets did he sell on Tuesday?)

(b) (How many tickets did he sell on Wednesday?)

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**1 What am I given?**

**2 What can I find out?**

No of tickets sold on Tues

**3 What am I looking for?**

(a) No of tickets sold on Tues

(b) No of tickets sold on Wed

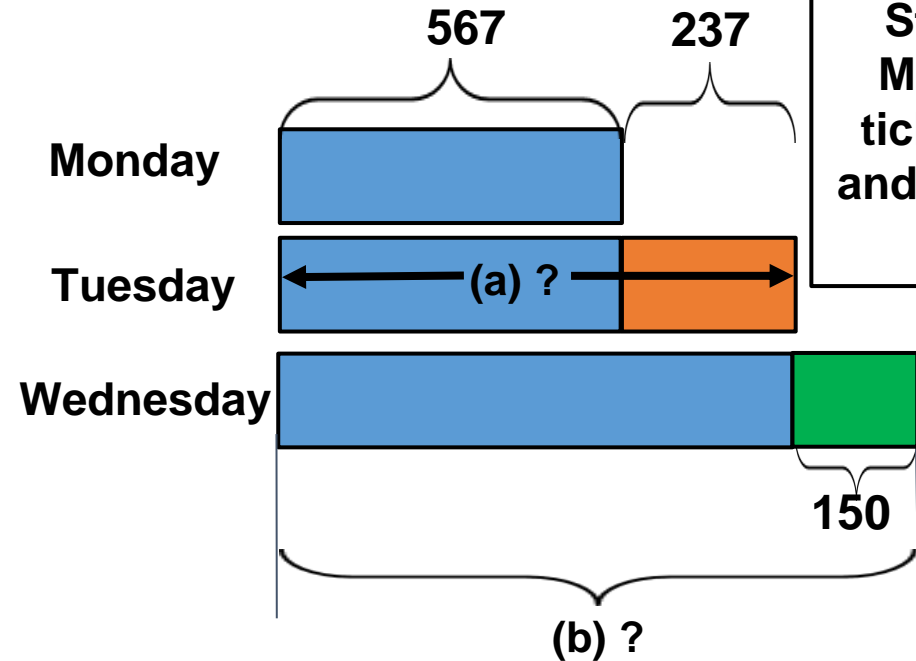
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**Strategy:** Use **Comparison Model** to find the **number of tickets sold on Tuesday first** and then the **number of tickets sold on Wednesday**.

Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
- Have I solved similar problems before?

Model for Monday must be shorter than the model for Tuesday. This means model for Tuesday has to be longer.

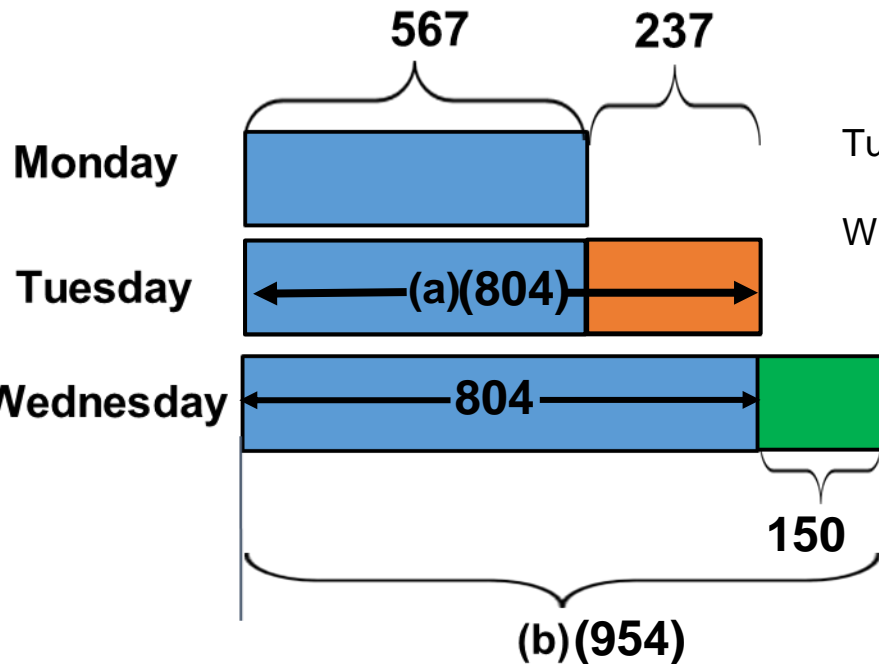
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Tuesday: (a)  $567 + 237 = 804$

Wednesday: (b)  $804 + 150 = 954$

Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions

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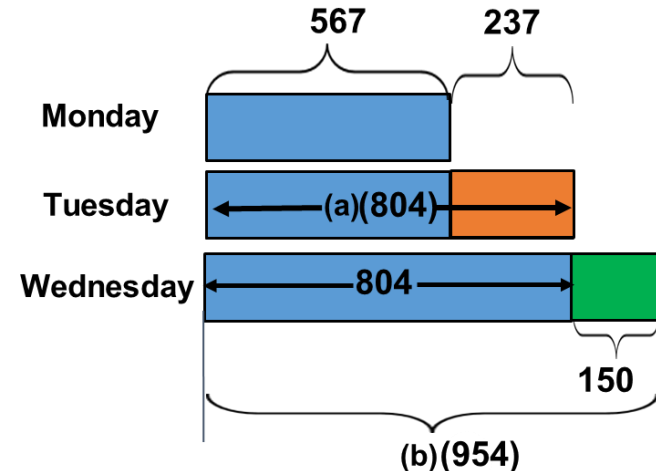
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## Check:

Work backwards to check if we get 567 tickets on Monday

Wed: 954

Tues:  $954 - 150 = 804$

Mon:  $804 - 237 = \underline{567}$  ✓



# Screen Break & Hands on Session

15 minutes

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# Hands-on Session

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May baked 180 chocolate cakes and 150 strawberry cakes.

She sold 60 cakes.

- a) (How many cakes) were there (altogether?)
- b) (How many cakes) were (not sold?)

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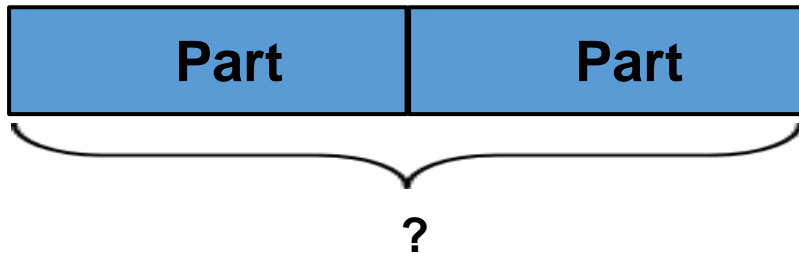
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**Strategy:** Use **Part-Whole Model** to find the **total** number of cakes

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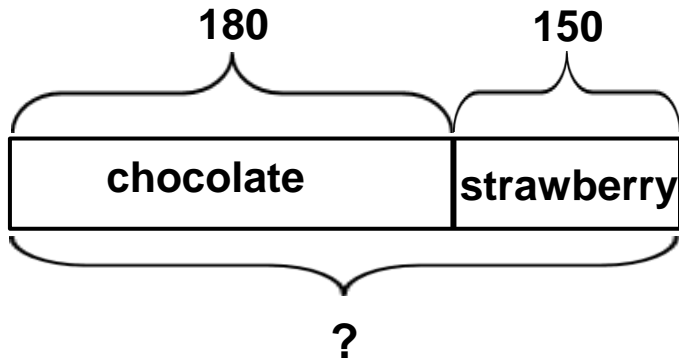
a) (How many cakes) were there (altogether?)

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Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions

Number of cakes



$$180 + 150 = 330$$

There were 330 cakes altogether.

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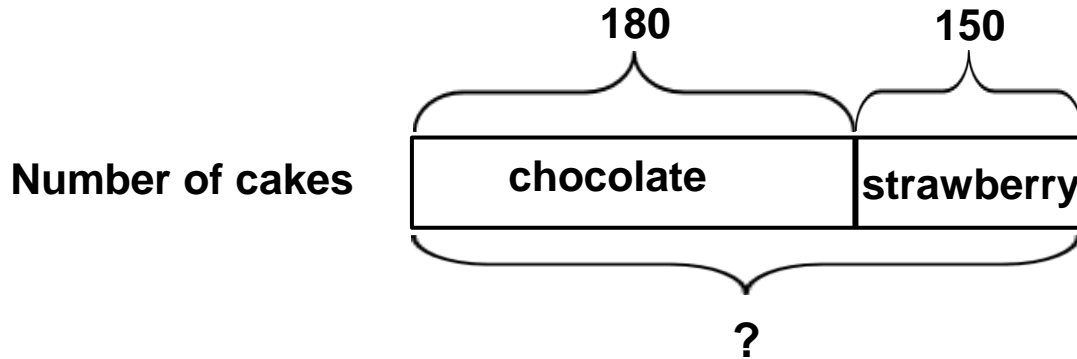
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## Check:

Total number of cakes: 330

$$330 - 150 = 180$$



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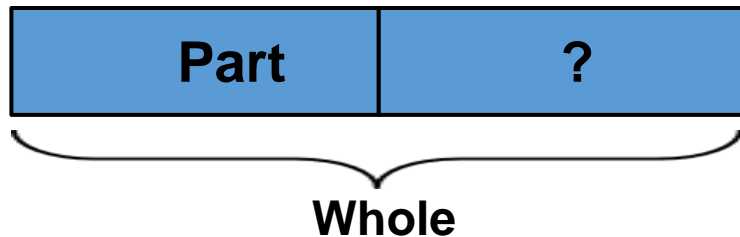
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Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
- Have I solved similar problems before?



**Strategy:** Use **Part-Whole Model** to find the **number of cakes** which were **not sold**

# STAR Approach to Problem-Solving

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Step 4: Review your answer

May baked 180 chocolate cakes and 150 strawberry cakes.

She sold 60 cakes.

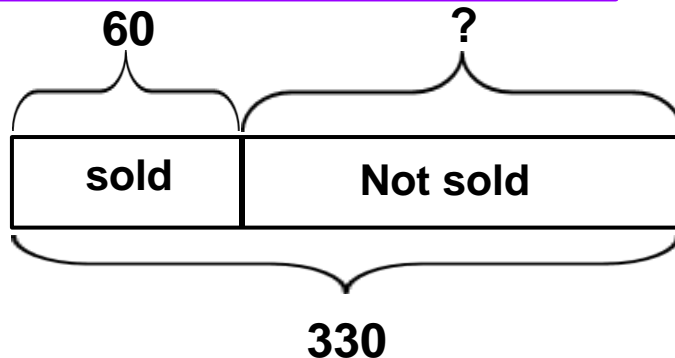
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Number of cakes



$$330 - 60 = 270$$

270 cakes were not sold.

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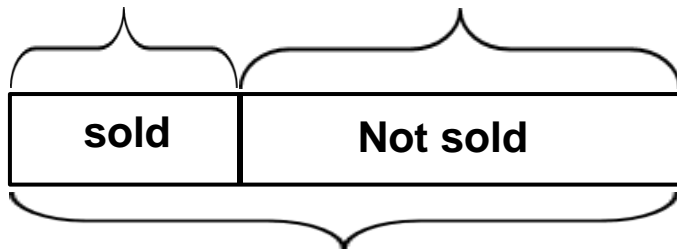
## Check:

Not sold: 270

$$270 + 60 = 330$$



Number of cakes



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## Question 2:

A library has 315 magazines.

It has 127 fewer picture books than magazines.

How many picture books are there?



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## Question 2:

A library has 315 magazines.

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- (a) (How many picture books) are there?
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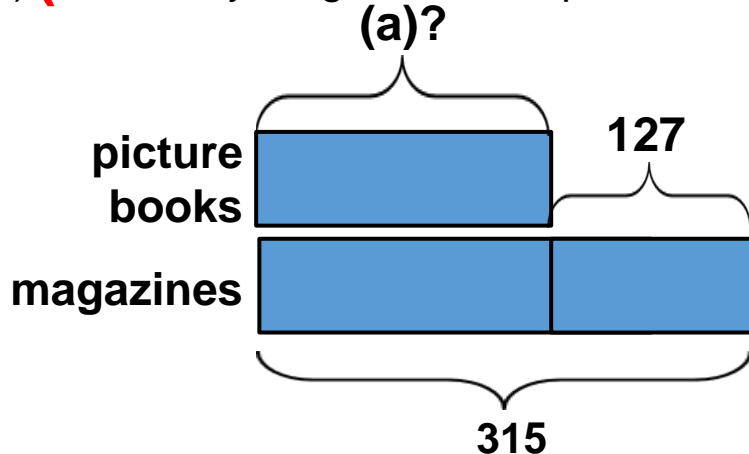
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Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
- Have I solved similar problems before?

**Strategy:** Use **Comparison Model** to compare and find the number of **picture books**.

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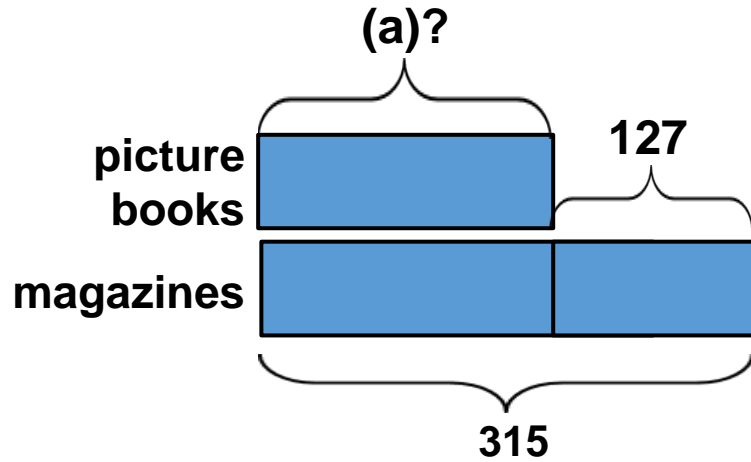
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A library has 315 magazines.

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(b) (How many magazines and picture books) are there altogether?



$$(a) 315 - 127 = 188$$

There are 188 picture books.

Step 3: Act out the plan

- I will write out the steps of my solutions

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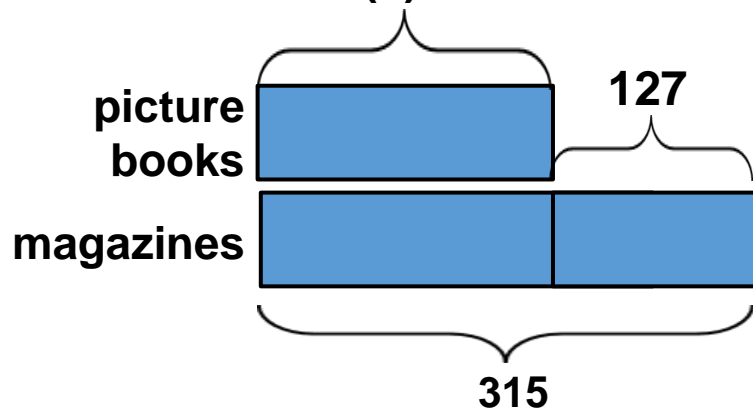
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## Step 4: Review

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## Check:

$$188 + 127 = 315$$



OR

$$315 - 188 = 127$$



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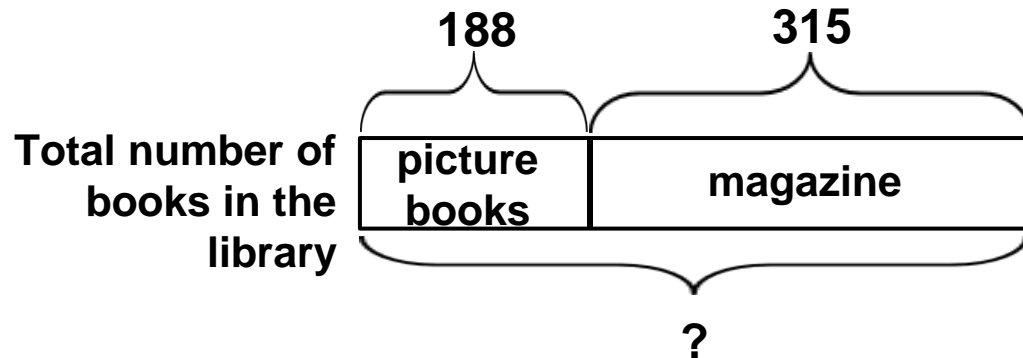
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**Strategy:** Use **Part-Whole Model** to find the **total** number of magazines and picture books.

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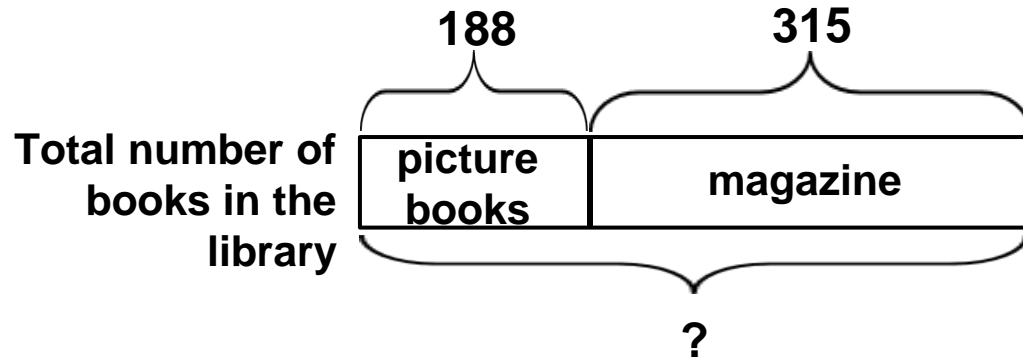
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$$(b) 188 + 315 = 503$$

There are 503 magazines and picture books.

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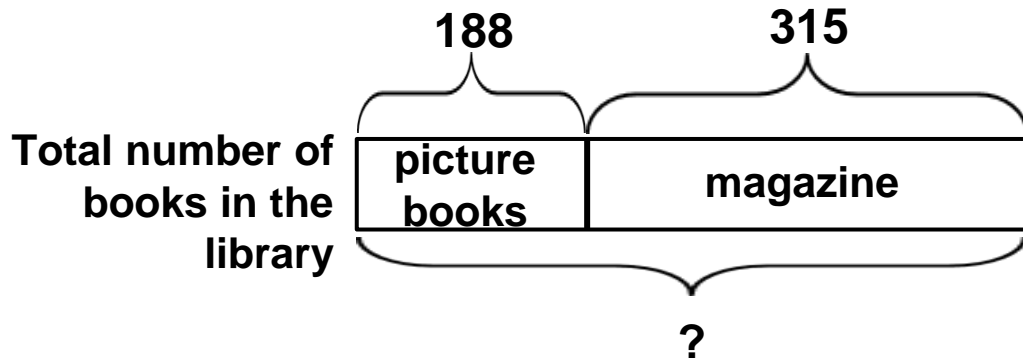
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## Check:

$$503 - 315 = 188$$



OR

$$503 - 188 = 315$$



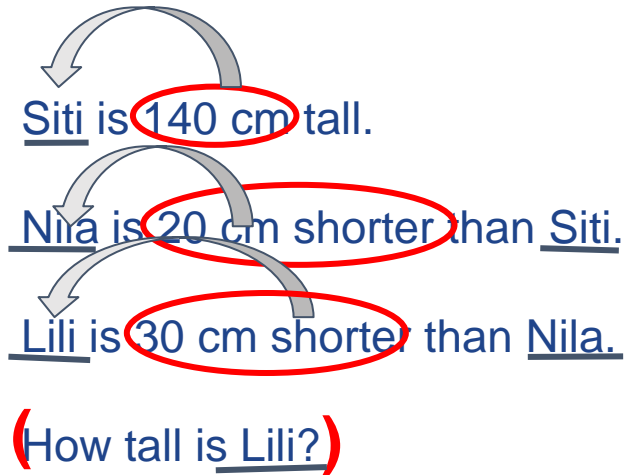
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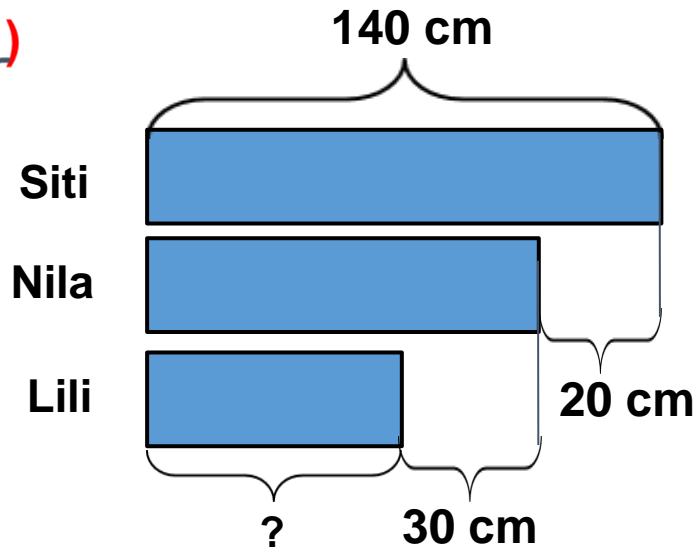
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Siti is 140 cm tall.

Nila is 20 cm shorter than Siti.

Lili is 30 cm shorter than Nila.

(How tall is Lili?)



Step 2: Think about your plan

- What strategy should I use?
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**Strategy:** Use **Comparison Model** to find the **height of Nila** first and then the **height of Lili**.

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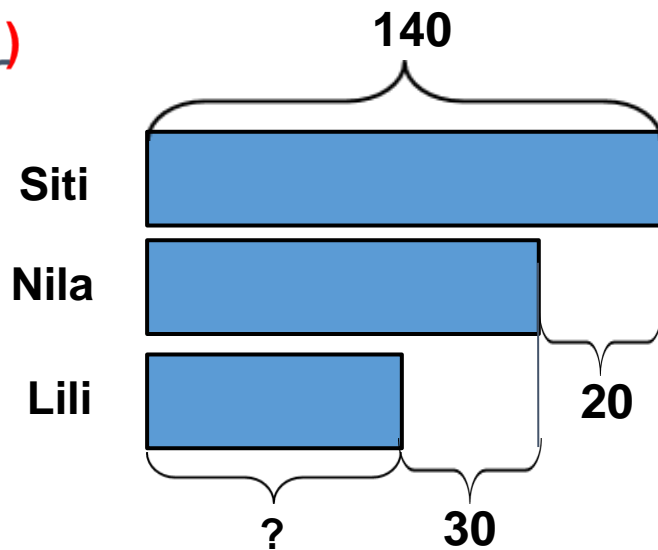
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$$\text{Nila: } 140 - 20 = 120$$

$$\text{Lili : } 120 - 30 = 90$$

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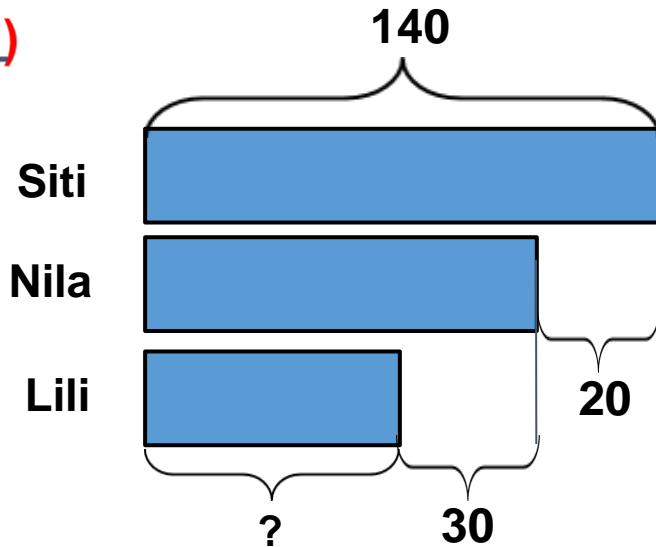
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## Check:

Work backwards to check if the height of Siti is 140 cm.

Lili: 90 cm

Nila:  $90 \text{ cm} + 30 \text{ cm} = 120 \text{ cm}$

Siti:  $120 \text{ cm} + 20 \text{ cm} = \underline{140 \text{ cm}}$





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