

A *word problem* tells about related facts and then asks a question. Follow the steps below to solve word problems.

Steps

- **1. Read** the word problem a few times.
- **2. Underline** the words that give you clues about whether to add, subtract, multiply, or divide.
- 3. Draw a picture to show the solution or use real items to solve the problem.
- 4. Write the math sentence and solve the problem.

Directions: Draw a picture and write out the math sentence to solve the word problems below. The first one has been started for you.

1. Robert has three baseballs in each bag. He has two bags. How many baseballs does Robert have in all?



2. Jackie had 19 footballs. His friends took 8 of the footballs. How many does Jackie have left?

3. The Tigers scored the following points: 9, 7, 5, 3, and 7. What was the sum of their points?

4. Susie has 21 tennis balls. She would like to give them to her friends so each has the same number of tennis balls. She has 7 friends. How many can she give to each friend?