

Multiplication Word Problems

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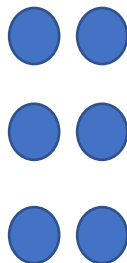
When solving word problems children should underline the key information in the problem first.

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This tells us that the problem we are trying to solve is 2×3 or $2+2+2$.

Children can work this out practically by actually putting 2 pencils in 3 pots or using practical apparatus in 3 groups of 2 and then counting how many altogether.

Children could work this out by drawing an array e.g.



Children could work this out by using a numberline e.g.

