

# Understand

*Read and explain.*

**Step 1:** Check for a table or a graph.

**Step 2:** Read the problem.

**Step 3:** Underline the label in the question sentence.

**Step 4:** Check for irrelevant information.

# Plan

*How will you solve the problem?*

**T**<sub>otal</sub>

Are parts put together into a total?

**D**<sub>ifference</sub>

Are two amounts compared for a difference?

**C**<sub>hange</sub>

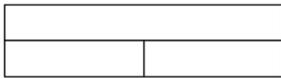
Is there a starting amount that increases or decreases to a new amount?

# Solve

*Set up and do the math!*

*Find a number answer and a label answer.*

**T**<sub>otal</sub>



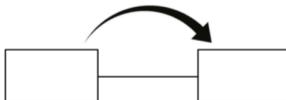
$$P1 + P2 = T$$

**D**<sub>ifference</sub>



$$G - L = D$$

**C**<sub>hange</sub>



$$ST + C = E$$

$$ST - C = E$$

# ✓ Check

*Does your answer make sense?*

*Write a solution statement.*