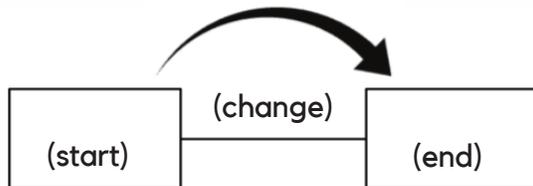


# Write Your Own **Change** Problem

**Step 1:** Draw the graphic organizer

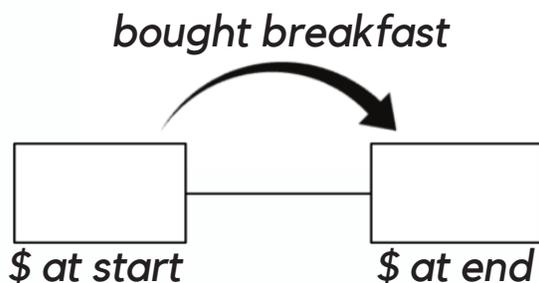


or write the equation.

(increase)  $ST + C = E$

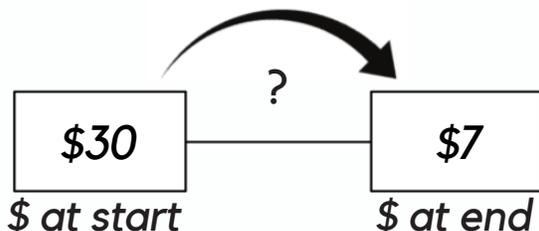
or  
(decrease)  $ST - C = E$

**Step 2:** Choose your topic and add labels.



$ST - C = E$   
\$ at start  
bought breakfast  
\$ at end

**Step 3:** Decide what will be unknown and label it with a question mark. Fill in numbers that make sense.



$ST - C = E$   
 $30 - ? = 7$

**Step 4:** Write a word problem that matches.

Abby had \$30. Then, she bought some breakfast. Now she has \$7 left. How much money did Abby spend on breakfast?