

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Problem Solving Method

Directions: Read the word problem and follow the steps to *Problem Solving Method* to solve the problem.



Robert has 12 balloons. He gives 7 to his friend Chris. How many balloons does he have left?



Steps:	Illustration:
1. What do I know?	
2. What do I need to find out? What is the question?	
3. Decide whether to add or subtract.	
4. Test your idea by adding/subtracting and using a picture if necessary.	
5. Check your answer. Does it make sense?	