



Grade 1 | Module 2

Topic: Solving problems with addition and subtraction

[Module 2 Resources](#)

Students develop their understanding of addition and subtraction situations within 100 to solve problems. Students use strategies involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing unknowns in different positions. Students will find missing addends; decompose numbers to make adding easier and practice adding one-digit and two-digit whole numbers. Students will represent situations with equations.

Module 2 at a Glance

Printed Resources

- **Bookmarks**
 - Problem Solving Process Bookmark
 - Problem Solving Facilitation Bookmark
- **K-2 Table Games Directions**
 - Addition War
 - Pyramid Make Ten
 - *Number Kicker (optional)*
 - *Make Ten Concentration (optional)*
 - Tic-Tac-Ten (Day 4)
 - Number Path Race (Day 4)
- **Game Mat**
 - Pie Monster Game Mat 02
- **Problem Solving Journal** (pages 8–14)
 - My Thinking Path
 - Problem of the Day
 - Exit Tickets
 - ST Math Puzzle Reflections

Optional Printed Resources

- Accomplishments Log
- ST Math Activity Pages
- Pre/Post Quizzes

Immersion Slide Deck (slides 20–38)

- The Immersion Slide Deck is intended to be projected to the class in a whole group setting.

Teacher Resources

- Teacher Planner

Supplies for Table Games (per group)

- **Addition War** - 1 deck of cards with face cards removed
- **Pyramid Make Ten** - 1 deck of cards with face cards removed

My Thinking Path

- This module, students reflect on solving problems with addition and subtraction.

ST Math Puzzle Talks

- Pie Monster Addition
- Pie Monster Subtraction

Problem Solving

Day 1:

- **Problem Solving Slide Deck** - JiJi was baking pies. JiJi made some apple, cherry, and strawberry pies. How many pies do you think JiJi made? JiJi made 16 pies. How many of each kind did JiJi make?
- **Problem Solving Journal** - Students will complete the Pie Monster equations.

Day 2:

- **Problem Solving Slide Deck** - JiJi has some marbles. Paco gave JiJi 8 more marbles. Now JiJi has 14 marbles. How many marbles did JiJi have at first?
- **Problem Solving Journal** - Students will complete Number Bond problems.

Day 3:

- **Problem Solving Slide Deck** - JiJi made cupcakes for the class party. How many cupcakes did JiJi make? There are 15 students in JiJi's class. If all the students got one cupcake, how many are left?
- **Problem Solving Journal** - Students will determine how many of each type of pie they have if there are 17 pies.

Day 4:

- **Problem Solving Slide Deck** - Helix was showing his friend, Moby, his new pencils. Helix has a box of 16 pencils. He gave some to his friend, Moby. Now Helix has 9 pencils in his box. How many did he give to Moby?
- **Problem Solving Journal** - Students will solve an open ended problem using 19 cars.

Instructional Stations

On Days 1–3, each student will visit two stations per day following the schedule in the [Instructional Stations Overview](#). On Day 4, students do not participate in Instructional Stations.

Station 1: Small Group Instruction

- Use the Instructional Stations Overview and the Teacher Planner to help organize your small group instruction.
- Give students problems similar to the Problem of the Day and puzzle problems. Have students solve the problems.

Station 2: ST Math Puzzles

- Have students sign in and play ST Math puzzles.
- Remind students to use manipulatives and/or paper and pencil to help them solve problems.
- With 5 minutes left, have students stop playing and complete their Puzzle Reflection and [Accomplishments Log](#).

Station 3: Table Games

- Select Addition War or Pyramid Make Ten.
- Have students play that game.
- Ask students to complete an Exit Ticket during the final 5 minutes.



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My Thinking Path (5-10 minutes)

- Remind students of the My Thinking Path page to students (page 8). Have them write in the topic, "Solving problems by adding and subtracting."
- Have students begin working on completing the page.
- Discuss their ideas, and allow students to add to their paper any additional thoughts they have.
- From now on, each of Days 1–4 begins with time for students to reflect on their learning and prepare for the day. On Day 4, they complete the second My Thinking Path page for the module.
- Have students complete the Pre-Quiz (optional).

Puzzle Talk: Pie Monster Addition (20-25 minutes)

- Focus on student thinking and developing problem solving skills using the guiding questions in each step of the Problem Solving Process.
- Provide students with [Pie Monster Game Mat 02](#) and whiteboards/dry erase markers.

Notice and Wonder

- Show a puzzle from Level 1. Ask students: "What do you notice? What do you wonder?" Allow students to share.

Predict and Justify

- Have students make a prediction and model it on their Pie Monster Game Mat. Ask, them to describe their strategy. Have students share their predictions of how many pies to choose, what they think will happen, and why.

Test and Observe

- Try one of the students' ideas. (As you try students' strategies, be sure to try strategies that work and those that don't.)
- Watch the feedback together for a few correct and incorrect solutions, and discuss what you saw.

Analyze and Learn

- Ask students to think about how what they saw happen compares to their prediction.

Connect and Extend

- Display a puzzle from Level 1 and discuss what is unknown in the puzzle.
- Work together to represent the puzzle with an equation and include a variable (e.g., $4 + 5 = ?$).
- Have students solve for the missing variable. To uncover learning, ask: "What do each of the numbers represent (pies on the conveyor belt, pies in the Monster's Belly, etc.)? What are we trying to solve?"
- Continue with additional puzzles in Level 1.

Level 2

- Project a puzzle from Level 2, and ask students: "What do you notice that is similar/different from the puzzles in Level 1? What are we trying to solve?"
- Have students share their strategies and try a few out, repeating the Problem Solving Process.
- Challenge students to write an equation to represent the Pie Monster puzzle.

How does the student:

- solve the puzzles? (Are they thinking flexibly about addition and subtraction? Do they struggle with specific problem types, such as result unknown, change unknown, start unknown?)
- write an equation to represent the problem? (This is a great opportunity to connect the visual to the symbolic and reinforce the meaning of equality as “same as.”)
- understand the relationship between addition and subtraction? Do they see them as opposites?

Problem Solving (20-25 minutes)

Engage students in problem solving discussions. Read and discuss the problem, share student work, compare strategies, and make connections.

Problem Solving Slide Deck (slides 23–25)

- JiJi was baking pies. JiJi made some apple, cherry, and strawberry pies. How many pies do you think JiJi made? JiJi made 16 pies. How many of each kind did JiJi make?

Problem Solving Journal (page 9, top)

- Students will complete the Problem of the Day independently. Provide guidance as needed.
- Students will complete the Pie Monster equations.

Instructional Stations (40 minutes)

Students will visit two stations today (20 minutes per station). See Instructional Station Overview.

Station 1: Small Group Instruction

- Give students problems similar to the Problem of the Day and puzzle problems. Have students solve the problems.
- For example, Torrence has 19 stamps. Laura had 6 stamps. She got some more stamps at the store. Now she has the same number of stamps as Torrence. How many stamps did she get at the store?
- For example, Amber had 17 pieces of gum. She ate 4 of her pieces of gum and gave her brother 4 pieces. How many pieces of gum does Amber have now?
- For example, Mohamed collected 20 toy cars. He gave some to his little sister. Now Mohamed has 11 toy cars. How many cars did he give to his little sister?
- Discuss what they know in the problem and what they need to know to solve the problem.

Station 2: ST Math Puzzles

- Have students sign in and play ST Math puzzles.
- Remind students to use manipulatives and/or paper and pencil to help them solve problems.
- With 5 minutes left, have students stop playing and complete their Puzzle Reflection and Accomplishments Log.

Station 3: Table Games

- Select Addition War or Pyramid Make Ten.
- Have students play that game.
- Ask students to complete an Exit Ticket during the final 5 minutes.



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My Thinking Path (5-10 minutes)

- Have students reflect on what they have learned about solving problems with addition and subtraction.

Puzzle Talk: Pie Monster Addition (20-25 minutes)

- Focus on student thinking and developing problem solving skills using the guiding questions in each step of the Problem Solving Process.
- Provide students with the Pie Monster Game Mat 02 and whiteboards/dry erase markers.

Notice and Wonder

- Show a puzzle from Level 3. Ask students: “What do you notice that is similar/different from the puzzles we did yesterday?” Allow students to share.

Predict and Justify

- Have students make a prediction and model it on their game mat. They should model the puzzle and show their thinking about how to correctly solve it. Have students share their predictions and solution strategies. Have them discuss with their neighbor what they think will happen and why.
- Have students share out. Ask the students to think about if they agree/disagree with the strategy and why. How does it relate to their strategy?

Test and Observe

- Try one of the students’ ideas. (As you try students’ strategies, be sure to try strategies that work and those that don’t. Analyze the feedback in both correct and incorrect solutions.)

Analyze and Learn

- Ask students to think about how what they saw happen compares to their prediction. Project another puzzle from Level 3.

Connect and Extend

- Have students write an equation to show how they solved the puzzle. Discuss equations that are true and equations that are false.
- Project a new puzzle from Level 4. Talk with students about what is known and unknown in the puzzle. Work together to write an equation with a ? to represent the unknown.
- Have students solve the puzzle and share their strategies and solutions.
- As the position of the unknown changes throughout the puzzles, talk with students about how their strategies change as the position of the unknown changes.
- Continue with additional puzzles in Level 4.
- Select different students to share (look for different types of strategies), and discuss as a class.

How does the student:

- solve the puzzles? (Are they thinking flexibly about addition and subtraction? Do they struggle with specific problem types? [e.g., result unknown, change unknown, start unknown])
- write an equation to represent the problem? (This is a great opportunity to connect the visual to the symbolic and reinforce the meaning of equality as “same as.”)
- understand the relationship between addition and subtraction? Do they see them as opposites?

Problem Solving (20-25 minutes)

Engage students in problem solving discussions. Read and discuss the problem, share student work, compare strategies, and make connections.

Problem Solving Slide Deck (slides 28–29)

- JiJi has some marbles. Paco gave JiJi 8 more marbles. Now JiJi has 14 marbles. How many marbles did JiJi have at first?

Problem Solving Journal (page 9, bottom)

- Students will complete the Problem of the Day independently. Provide guidance as needed.
- Students will complete Number Bond problems.

Instructional Stations (40 minutes)

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Station 1: Small Group Instruction

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- Discuss what they know in the problem and what they need to know to solve the problem.

Station 2: ST Math Puzzles

- Have students sign in and play ST Math puzzles.
- Remind students to use manipulatives and/or paper and pencil to help them solve problems.
- With 5 minutes left, have students stop playing and complete their Puzzle Reflection and Accomplishments Log.

Station 3: Table Games

- Select Addition War or Pyramid Make Ten.
- Have students play that game.
- Ask students to complete an Exit Ticket during the final 5 minutes.



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My Thinking Path (5-10 minutes)

- Have students reflect on what they have learned about solving problems with addition and subtraction.

Puzzle Talk: Pie Monster Subtraction (20-25 minutes)

- Focus on student thinking and developing problem solving skills using the guiding questions in each step of the Problem Solving Process.
- Provide students with Pie Monster Game Mat 02 and whiteboards/dry erase markers.

Notice and Wonder

- Display the first puzzle in Level 1. Ask: “What do you notice? What do you wonder?” Allow a few students to share out.
- Ask students: “What number are you going to choose on the Pie Monster and why?” Have students talk with a neighbor.

Predict and Justify

- Ask students: “Did you and your neighbor select the same number? If not, can you convince your neighbor that your number is the best one to choose?”
- Have students share out to the whole group. Did anyone convince their neighbor? If so, what was it that convinced them?

Test and Observe

- Select one of the students to solve the problem and describe what happens when they try their prediction.

Analyze and Learn

- Ask students to explain what they learned from the feedback. Is that the only answer to the problem? How do they know?
- Solve additional puzzles in Level 1.

Connect and Extend

- Select one of the puzzles, and work together to write an equation.
- Display the first puzzle in Level 2. Ask students: “How is this puzzle different from the ones we just solved? What is the unknown in this puzzle?”
- Have students model the puzzle on their game mat and solve it. Remind them to show their thinking. Have students turn and talk to a neighbor to share their prediction, associated strategy, and thinking.
- Ask students to write an equation that represents their model and solution. Share students’ strategies, equations, and solutions. Model how to write an equation with a ? to represent that the change is unknown. For example, $5 - ? = 1$.
- Repeat with additional puzzles in Level 2.
- Display the first puzzle in Level 3. Ask students: “Now what is unknown in the puzzle? How could we represent that with an equation?” Model how to write an equation with a ? to represent that the start is unknown. For example, $? - 2 = 4$.
- Repeat with a few more puzzles in Level 3. Remind students that the unknown can be found if we know the other parts of the equation.

How does the student:

- use a drawing to help solve the puzzles?
- share different strategies to solve the puzzle?
- write equations to represent the puzzle and solution?
- discuss the action in the puzzle when it is solved?
- discuss what is known and unknown in the puzzle?

Problem Solving (20-25 minutes)

Engage students in problem solving discussions. Read and discuss the problem, share student work, compare strategies, and make connections.

Problem Solving Slide Deck (slides 32–33)

- JiJi made cupcakes for the class party. How many cupcakes did JiJi make? There are 15 students in JiJi's class. If all the students got one cupcake, how many are left?

Problem Solving Journal (page 10, top)

- Students will complete the Problem of the Day independently. Provide guidance as needed.
- Students will determine how many of each type of pie they have if there are 17 pies.

Instructional Stations (40 minutes)

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Station 1: Small Group Instruction

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- Discuss what they know in the problem and what they need to know to solve the problem.

Station 2: ST Math Puzzles

- Have students sign in and play ST Math puzzles.
- Remind students to use manipulatives and/or paper and pencil to help them solve problems.
- With 5 minutes left, have students stop playing and complete their Puzzle Reflection and Accomplishments Log.

Station 3: Table Games

- Select Addition War or Pyramid Make Ten.
- Have students play that game.
- Ask students to complete an Exit Ticket during the final 5 minutes.



Grade 1 | Module 2 | Day 4

My Thinking Path (5-10 minutes)

- Have students reflect on what they have learned about solving problems with addition and subtraction. They should complete the My Thinking Path reflection page.

Puzzle Talk: Pie Monster Subtraction (20-25 minutes)

- Focus on student thinking and developing problem solving skills using the guiding questions in each step of the Problem Solving Process.
- Provide students with copies of the Pie Monster game mat 02 and whiteboards/dry erase markers.

Notice and Wonder

- Show a puzzle from Level 3. Ask “What do you notice is the same/different from the puzzles we did yesterday?” “What do you wonder?” Allow a few students to share out.
- Ask students to think of their strategy for solving the puzzle and predict what will happen when they try it.

Predict and Justify

- Have students think-pair-share their strategy and why they think their strategy can be used to solve this puzzle.
- Have students share out. Try one of the students’ ideas. Ask the students to think about if they agree/disagree with the strategy and why. How does it relate to their own strategy?

Test and Observe

- Watch the feedback together, and discuss what they saw.

Analyze and Learn

- Ask students to think about how what they saw happen compares to what they thought would happen. What did they learn from the feedback?
- Be sure to try strategies that work and those that don’t. Analyze the feedback in both correct and incorrect solutions.

Connect and Extend

- Ask students: “What would this puzzle look like with numbers and symbols?” Students can use their Pie Monster game mat to illustrate this.
- Have students write equations to represent their solutions to the puzzles. Discuss how the equations represent the puzzle, and look for different ways students wrote equations (addition, subtraction, etc.)
- You may choose to pull up some puzzles from Level 4, repeating the Problem Solving Process and asking students to write equations to represent them.

How does the student:

- solve the puzzles? (Are they thinking flexibly about addition and subtraction? Do they struggle with specific problem types such as, result unknown, change unknown, start unknown?)
- write an equation to represent the problem? (Great opportunity to connect the visual to the symbolic and reinforce the meaning of equality as “same as.”)
- represent the puzzle? (Do they use tools? An equation with a variable?)

Problem Solving (20-25 minutes)

Engage students in problem solving discussions. Read and discuss the problem, share student work, compare strategies, and make connections.

Problem Solving Slide Deck (slides 36–38)

- Helix was showing his friend, Moby, his new pencils. Helix has a box of 16 pencils. He gave some to his friend, Moby. Now Helix has 9 pencils in his box. How many did he give to Moby?

Problem Solving Journal (page 10, bottom)

- Students will complete the Problem of the Day independently. Provide guidance as needed.
- Students will solve an open ended problem using 19 cars.

Whole Group Table Games (15-20 minutes)

During this time, you will introduce Tic-Tac-Ten and Number Path Race. Students will play these games next module in Station 3.

- Introduce one of the games.
- After explaining the game and playing it with the whole group, give students time to play it on their own.
- After playing the game, have them discuss:
 - What math did they learn or use?
 - What strategies did they try to win the game?
- Repeat with the second game.

Optional Activity Page (15-20 minutes) - whole group

ST Math Activity Page

- Project the game *Pie Monster Addition*.
- Play a few puzzles to help students understand the game.
- Have students turn to the Activity Page: *Pie Monster Addition*.
- Ask students what they notice about the content on the page. What do they wonder? Where do they want to start on the page?
- Give them time to complete the page.
- Discuss the page and have students share their thinking.
- Take the time to compare strategies, and have students share their work.
- Make connections to the game.

Closing (10 minutes)

Thinking and Reflecting Time

- Have students complete the Post-Quiz (optional).
- Have students review their Problem Solving Journal work including their Puzzle Reflection, Exit Tickets, and Problem Solving work.
- Engage students in discussions about what they have learned this module, what they have questions about, and what they would like to learn more about.