## Level

D

## SUCCESS



## The Key Elements to Mathematics Success

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The Key Elements to Mathematics Success Description of Teacher's Guide



SOLVE
SOLVE is a 5 -step problem-solving paradigm taught in the first lesson of The Key Elements to Mathematics Success and throughout the program. SOLVE is an acronym which gives students step-by-step strategies for finding the solutions to word problems. The ultimate goal of teaching SOLVE is to provide students with a problem-solving strategy that can be applied to any concept they will encounter in algebra. The steps are as follows:

Study the Problem
Underline the question.
Answer the question, "What is this problem asking me to find?" in your own words.

Organize the Facts
Identify the facts.
Eliminate the unnecessary facts.
List the necessary facts.
Line up a Plan
Choose an operation or operations.
Write in words what your plan of action will be.
Verify Your Plan with Action
Estimate your answer.
Carry out your plan.
Examine Your Results
Does your answer make sense? (Compare your answer to the question.) Is your answer reasonable? (Compare your answer to the estimate.)
Is your answer accurate? (Check your work.)
Write your answer in a complete sentence.

## Cooperative Pairs

Working in cooperative pairs is a vital part of The Key Elements to Mathematics Success. Cooperative learning allows students at various performance levels to work together, using a variety of learning activities, to improve their understanding. Communication about the learning process is an essential element of working in cooperative pairs. This dialogue enhances student learning and creates a sense of responsibility on the part of the students. Cooperative learning can be a catalyst in creating an atmosphere of achievement and a sense of accomplishment on the part of the students when the task is successfully completed.

## Levels of Teacher Support

The lessons are carefully designed with opportunities for modeling, guided practice, and independent practice.

## Modeling:

Each lesson contains "modeling boxes" which list step by step instructions on how to model each concept. Modeling steps are provided for concrete, pictorial, and procedural steps of the lesson.

## Guided Practice:

Detailed instructions about how to structure guided practice are given in each lesson. Guided practice is led and closely monitored by the teacher. Students may work individually or in pairs during the guided practice.
Independent Practice:
Independent practice is provided through practice problems and homework in each lesson. Independent practice is structured to take place in the lesson following modeling and guided practice sections. Teachers can use the independent practice as a tool for informal formative assessment.

Word Problem Closure
At the end of the lesson, the SOLVE problem introduced at the beginning of the lesson is revisited. The student completes the additional steps of SOLVE, applying the lesson concept in a problem-solving situation.

## Closure

Closure is a crucial part of every lesson and provides the teacher an opportunity to evaluate if the lesson objectives have been met. Teachers use the essential questions to reinforce the concept from the lesson, help organize the learning, and bring the lesson to its conclusion. A quick discussion of the essential questions will allow the teacher to informally assess student understanding of the material.

## Homework

Homework is provided at the end of each lesson to give students ample opportunity to practice the lesson concept.

## Quizzes

The lesson quizzes consist of 10 multiple-choice questions. These 10 questions cover the material taught in the lesson. The quizzes can also be used as homework, class work, review for a test, or as warm-ups.

## Review Activities

Review activities are provided for many lessons. There are a variety of engaging activities including scavenger hunts, chain reactions, "I Have, Who Has", and Mystery Squares. The activities are designed to provide multiple practice opportunities for the students in puzzle and game formats. The review activities incorporate the essential elements of cooperative learning and communication about the concepts.

The Key Elements to Algebra Success and the English Language Learner (ELL)

- SOLVE - A step-by-step procedure to attack word problems, dissecting the English language by identifying key words needed to solve the problem, and mapping out a plan with pictures and phrases to ultimately arrive at a well thought out answer. Steps can be written in students' native language while they are still becoming familiar with the process of SOLVE and gradually transitioning into English only.
The steps of SOLVE have been modified slightly for use with ELL students. The modified steps provide additional support and involve verbal communication about the process, which is a vital link for the ELL student:
S - Underline the question. TPIAMTF (this problem is asking me to find) - THE $\qquad$ . The students cannot just restate the question if they are made to start a sentence with the. O-Circle the necessary facts. When writing out the necessary facts, be as brief as possible and teach the students abbreviations right away (\$, \#, lb, cm, pkg. etc.).
L - Choose an operation and discuss a plan out loud. - +, •, / number of nuts + number of bolts $=$ total
total - number of boxes $=$ answer
V - Estimate the answer out loud. Then use the set-up created in the L step to carry out the plan.
E - Choose your answer.
- Cooperative Pairs - Working, questioning, and communicating with others regarding mathematics at all stages of learning. Activities are done in an interactive setting, encouraging language development along with mathematical development. This includes the pairing of ELL students who speak the same language(s) with others who may be at varying stages of their English language development.
- Modeling with Manipulatives - Students participate in activities leading to the discovery of on-grade-level mathematical concepts. Through this process, they develop mathematical understanding while exploring ways of expressing their discoveries in English. Manipulative use is consistent throughout the program. The appearance of each manipulative, their meaning, as well as the language used to describe the actions of these manipulatives remain the same throughout.
- Word Walls - Updated through the use of KEMS lessons, new math vocabulary words (and their meaning/pictorial representation) are added for every new concept as they are discovered. The Word Wall is an interactive tool for all learners and provides an additional language resource for ELL students. Additionally an Operation Word Wall is created by each class and used for solving word problems throughout the year. As an added resource, words can be written in both English and the native language of the learner. Pictures/descriptions are also encouraged next to words wherever appropriate.
- Video Clips of Each Lesson - Available for use in class at www.NTNmath.com, the video clips can help overcome the significant classroom language barriers ELL students face. These video clips, though in English, show key vocabulary words as a way of familiarizing students with appropriate vocabulary used to build a concept.


## Planning for your Key Elements to Mathematics Success Class

Materials Needed: include materials needed for both the teacher and the students including items from the manipulative kit, activities to prepare for pairs on cardstock, and/or pages to copy for class.
Objective: (from teacher lesson notes)
Essential Question: (from teacher lesson notes)
Word Wall Words: (from teacher lesson notes)
Agenda: Consider the following when planning each component of the lesson.

| Activity | Time Frame | Notes/Details |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Environment | N/A | - Groupings used today - seating arrangements needed? <br> - Word Wall updates for this lesson? <br> - Agenda, Objective \& Essential Questions posted? <br> - Needed technology set up? |
| Warm-up | minutes | - What are some great questions to ask during the warm-up? <br> - How does this warm up relate to the lesson? <br> - How can this be modified to fit within the 5 minute time frame? |
| Fact Masters | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ | - How will math facts be practiced today? (Group led, DVD, CD, quiz) <br> - What time in the lesson will it be done? <br> - Choral Drill or Quiz today? |
| Lesson | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ | - What is the goal for today's lesson? <br> - What materials are needed? <br> - Is there an activity from the activities section of my TE that I will use to support this lesson? <br> - How does the flow of this lesson encourage student discovery of the concept being covered? What questions need to be asked to guide the discovery of today's concept? <br> - How does this lesson fit in with my district pacing guide? <br> - How will this concept be enhanced with the traditional textbook? <br> - How will I instruct partners to work? <br> - Pages being covered today... <br> - Complete SOLVE Problem <br> ASK: What is the question asking me to find? (beginning of class) <br> What are my facts? <br> What is my plan? What operation is needed? <br> Estimate an answer. <br> Work out the answer. <br> Check over work, choose answer. <br> - What graphic organizer/foldable will be made/referenced? <br> - If time permits... <br> - Will this section be used today? <br> - If so, how? <br> - How will I use the quiz for this lesson? |
| Closure | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ | - Essential Questions <br> - Homework assigned |

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Essential Question:
Word Wall Words:
Agenda:

| Activity | Time <br> Frame |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Environment | N/A |  |
| Warm-up | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Fact Masters | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Lesson | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Closure | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
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| Warm-up | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Fact Masters | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Lesson | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
| Closure | $\overline{\text { minutes }}$ |  |
|  |  |  |

## Notes:

## Materials List

Lesson 1
Paper for foldable
Stapler
" S " and " 0 " posters from packet
Index cards

## Lesson 2

Foldable from Lesson 1
"L" poster from packet
Index cards for operation words

## Lesson 3

Foldable from Lesson 1
"V" and "E" posters from packet

## Lesson 4

Beans (2 per student pair)

## Lesson 5

Centimeter cubes (35 per student pair)

## Lesson 6

Beans (81 per student pair)
Colored pencils

## Lesson 7

Colored pencils
Centimeter cubes ( 72 per student pair)
Calculator - optional

## Lesson 8

Beans (72 per student pair)

## Lesson 9

Centimeter cubes (12 per student pair)
Colored pencils

## Lesson 10

Two-colored counters (21 per student pair)
Colored pencils

Lesson 11
Two-colored counters (21 per student pair)
Colored pencils

## Lesson 12

Centimeter cubes (20 per student pair)
Colored pencils
Paper for foldable (1 sheet per student)
Scissors

## Lesson 13

Centimeter cubes (50 per student pair)
Colored pencils
Foldable from Lesson 12

## Lesson 14

Index cards (6 blank cards for each group of students)
Student cards (6 sets)
Paper for foldable
Teacher cards (Decks 1, 2, and 3)

## Lesson 15

Fraction strips for all three kits
Scissors
Overhead fraction strips
Plastic bag (one per student)
Colored pencils
Paper for foldable (1 sheet per student)

## Lesson 16

Fraction Kits 1-3
Overhead fraction strips
Colored pencils
Foldable from Lesson 15

## Lesson 17

Fraction Kits 1-3
Overhead fraction strips
Colored pencils
Foldable from Lesson 15

## Materials List

## Lesson 18

Fraction Kits 1-3
2 sets of overhead fraction strips Colored pencils
Foldable from Lesson 15
Lesson 19
Fraction Kits 1-3
2 sets of overhead fraction strips
Colored pencils
Foldable from Lesson 15

## Lesson 20

Overhead fraction strips
Colored pencils
Fraction Kits 1-3
Foldable from Lesson 15

## Lesson 21

Centimeter cubes (50 per student pair) Colored pencils

## Lesson 22

Copy Master T660
Colored pencils

## Lesson 23

Sticky notes (1 per student pair) Envelope (1 per student pair)
Toothpicks (2 per student pair)
Two-colored counters (2 per student pair)
Blue fraction strip (1 per student pair)
Ruler (1 per student)
1 meter stick - optional

## Lesson 24

Centimeter cubes (48 per student pair)
Colored pencils

## Lesson 25

Copy Master T735 (1 per student pair)
Scissors
Colored pencils
Centimeter cubes (24 per student pair)

## Lesson 26

Copy Master T762
Painter's tape
Sticky notes
Ruler (1 per student)

## Lesson 27

Copy Master T796 (1 per student pair)
Fraction strips (2 per student pair)
Protractor (1 per student pair)

## Lesson 28

String (1 six-inch piece per student)
Protractor (1 per student pair)

## Lesson 29

Two-colored counters (4 per student pair)
String (2 six-inch pieces per student pair)
Colored pencils
Lesson 30
Copy Master T866 (1 per student pair)
Rulers (1 per student pair)
Scissors

## Materials List

## Appendix A

Copies of T926 or T927 on quiz days
Copies of T924 (each student needs 1
set of numbers)
Copies of T925 for every 2 students
(each pair/group needs 9 squares)
Scissors
Fact Masters Curtain
Colored pencils
Gridded index cards
Beans (81 per student pair)
2 cups for each pair
Paper clips
Hole punch
Masking tape
Phase 2- T922, T923, T928, T929,
T930-T936, T937

## Appendix B

Copies of T968 or T969 on quiz days
Copies of "TI/I" on T963-T966
Copies of T287 for every 2 students
Scissors
Fact Master Curtain
Colored pencils
Beans (81 per student pair)
Masking tape
Gridded index cards
Hole punch
Paper clips
Phase 2 - T961, T962, T968, T969,
T970, T971, T972-T978, T979

## Word Wall List

## Lesson 1

S - Study the Problem O - Organize the Facts

## Lesson 2

L - Line up a Plan
addition
subtraction
multiplication
division
equals
together
add
plus
increase
sum
and
total
rises
grow
above
all together
altogether
"How many"
take away
difference
left over
minus
below
decrease
subtract
"How much more?"
times
product
each
per
double
triple
of
groups
triple
multiplied
items
quotient

Lesson 2 (cont.)
per equal groups
cut into
split
divide
is
same
equivalent
is equal to

## Lesson 3

V - Verify Your Plan with Action
E - Examine Your Results

## Lesson 4

round
place value
scale
ones
tens
hundreds
thousands
digits
Lesson 5
place value
ones
tens
hundreds
compare
expanded form
Lesson 6
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subtract
algorithm
addend
sum
minuend
subtrahend
difference
regroup
groups
items
inverse

## Word Wall List

## Lesson 7

groups
items
arrays
multiply
product
factor
distribute area models

## Lesson 8

quotient
dividend
divisor
total items
items
groups

## Lesson 9

unknown value
arrays
multiply
divide
equation
multiplication
division
fact family
Lesson 10
equation
unknown value
division
multiplication
groups
items
total items
Lesson 11
equation unknown value equal symbol
remainder

Lesson 12
multiple
common multiple
least common multiple

## Lesson 13

factor
common factor
greatest common factor
prime
composite
divisible
factor tree
prime factorization
Lesson 14
numeric pattern
sequence
term
rule
extending the pattern
missing term

## Lesson 15

numerator
denominator
fractions
halves
fourths
eighths
thirds
sixths
twelfths
fifths
tenths
equivalent
legal trade
whole unit

## Lesson 16

addend
sum
denominator

## Word Wall List

## Lesson 16 (cont.)

numerator equivalent simplify simplest form
legal trade
Lesson 17
subtrahend
minuend
difference
denominator
numerator
equivalent
simplify
simplest form
legal trade

## Lesson 18

improper fractions
mixed fractions
numerator
denominator
addends
sum
legal trade

## Lesson 19

improper fractions
mixed fractions
numerator
denominator
minuend
subtrahend
difference
simplest form
Lesson 20
fraction
numerator
denominator
groups
items
product

Lesson 21
equivalent fractions
numerator
denominator
decimal
tenths
hundredths

## Lesson 22

decimal
tenths
hundredths
place value chart
less than
greater than
Lesson 23
kilometer
meter
centimeter
kilogram
grams
liter
milliliter
equivalence

## Lesson 24

equation
unknown
items
groups
Lesson 25
area
perimeter
dimensions
Lesson 26
line plot
$x$-axis
$y$-axis

## Word Wall List

## Lesson 27

degree
protractor
ray
angle
vertex
acute angle
obtuse angle
right angle ( $90^{\circ}$ )
straight angle ( $180^{\circ}$ )

## Lesson 28

non-overlapping
ray
angle
decompose
degrees

## Lesson 29

point
line
line segment
ray
right angle
acute angle
obtuse angle
perpendicular lines
parallel lines
right triangle
acute triangle
obtuse triangle

## Lesson 30

symmetrical
line of symmetry
plane figures
two-dimensional

## Appendix A

groups
items
array

## Appendix B

groups
items
dividend
divisor
quotient
total items

