## Hints for solving word problems

- Read the problem carefully.
- Sometimes it is useful to draw a picture to illustrate the problem.
- Decide which information is important in solving the question.
- Work out which operations you will need to use.
- Show your working out on the paper. Don't work it out in your head!
- Reread the problem when you have finished, and check your answer.
- Write your answer in a full sentence.

1. Steve has twenty-six balloons. Five of them are red, one is yellow, eight are blue, and the rest are green. How many are green?
2. Lisa buys two novels for $\$ 12.00$, and a pen for $\$ 2.50$. How much money does she spend altogether?
3. Ali eats twenty chocolates on Monday, twelve on Tuesday, eleven on Wednesday, and five on Thursday. How many chocolates does he eat altogether?
4. Jessica has twelve kids in her swimming class. For every four girls, there are two boys. How many boys and how many girls are there in her class?
5. Joshua studies his spelling words for twenty-two minutes. He studies his times tables for sixteen minutes. He then watches television for sixty-five minutes. How long does he spend studying?
6. Helen is going to the movies this afternoon. One starts at $1: 35 \mathrm{pm}$, one at half-past one, and one at quarter to two. Which movie starts first?
