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You need to know   *the number of friends for whom Tim is buying juice.*

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Martina divided her class into 5 teams of students. How many students were on each team?

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Katya made sandwiches for her mother, her father, her three brothers and her sisters. She also made herself a sandwich. How many sandwiches did she make?

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You need to know   *how many people saw the movie at the other shows.*

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You need to know   *how much the sandwich costs.*

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You need to know   *the price, or size, of the shells she bought.*

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You need to know   *how many students were in the class.*

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You need to know   *how much money he started with.*

Some children may read a problem and not know how to proceed. Suggest several pieces of information, one of which needs to be found to solve the problem. Help them understand how to identify the missing information.