# STEPS TO PROBLEM SOLVING 

## The Question

What questions do I need to answer?

2 The Facts
What do I know?
The Plan/Strategy
What steps can I take to answer the question?
Some Strategies for Problem Solving:
$\Rightarrow$ Look for a Pattern

- Set up an equation/expression
= Make a chart
= Draw a picture
$\Rightarrow$ Make a model
$\Rightarrow$ Make a list
$\Rightarrow$ Guess and Check
$\Rightarrow$ Solve a simpler problem


## 5 The Check

## The Solution

Does my solution
answer the question?
Now, the fun part...
Solve your problem
Is my solution reasonable?

## 5 STEPS TO PROBLEM SOLVING

## 1 The Question answer?

2 The Facts What do I know?

Is there any MISSING information?

Is there any IRRELEVANT information?

## 3 The Plan/Strategy

What steps can I take to answer the question?


Strategy I will use $\qquad$
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