Typical Word Problems
From Easy to More Difficult

A. A number is increased by 12 to get 27. What was the original number?

B. A number is 4 more than 9. What is the number?

C. If John is 24 years old now, how old was he 8 years ago?

D. If Bert lost 19 lbs., he would weigh 127 lbs. How much does Bert weigh now?

E. A scalper can get 3 times as much as the regular price for a centre ice seat. If a centre ice seat regularly costs $18, how much will the scalper get for the ticket?

F. Lily is 8 years older than her sister Rose. Next year, Lily will be twice as old as Rose. How old are they now?

G. Jan is three times as old as Sue. In 5 years, Jan will be twice as old as Sue. How old are they now?

H. Dawn is 4 years younger than Eve. Two years ago, Dawn was 3 times as old as Eve. How old are they now?

I. Five years ago, Ray's grandma was five times as old as he was. In 5 years, she will be 3 times as old. How old are they now?

J. Last year, Dan was twice as old as Anne. In 5 years, Anne will be ¾ as old as Dan. How old are they now?

K. A rectangle with an area of 27 square metres is 3 times longer than it is wide. What are the dimensions of the rectangle?

L. The sum of two consecutive odd numbers is 40. What is the smaller number?