

Before-After Problem Sums Guide

Track what changed and what stayed the same.

P5 / P6

Problem Sums - Before & After

Prep before class. Practise after class. Fix mistakes. Track progress.

Core idea

- Before-after questions involve a change. Track the quantity before and after carefully.

Look for clue words

- gave away
- received
- spent
- left
- increased
- decreased
- became
- now
- after

Teacher Hidayah's table

- Quantity/person
- Before
- Change
- After

Important question

- What stayed unchanged?
- What changed?
- Is the total still the same?
- Is the difference still the same?

Common mistakes

- Tracking only one person
- Forgetting the change affects before and after
- Using after amount as before amount
- Not identifying unchanged quantity

Mini example

- Sara had 3 times as much money as Maya. Sara spent \$20 and Maya received \$10. Now they have same amount.