



# Problem solving words

When you are trying to solve problems some words can help you work out if you need to add, subtract or multiply.

Kal is on the phone to his bank. He is trying to get a loan.

Do you need my **total** income?

**Total** is used when numbers are added. Kal is asking if he needs to add up all the money he gets in a year.



So with that loan I will have to repay 12 **lots of** £300.

**Lots of** suggests numbers to multiply. Kal needs to multiply 12 by £300 to find out how much he will repay.

I am not sure how much money I **have left** each month after I have paid my bills.

**Have left** tells Kal to subtract. He can subtract his bills from the money he gets.