

Critical thinking and problem solving

Mathseeds encourages children to solve problems and use higher level thinking throughout the program. These critical thinking and problem solving worksheets provide a growing toolkit of different strategies, using a simple structure that helps children grow in skills and confidence. The more experience children have with higher-level thinking, the more confidence they will gain to think logically, take risks, ask questions and apply reason. In turn, this will encourage them to communicate, explain and justify their mathematical reasoning.

Tackle each problem using this simple structure.

I. Read the question

Encourage children to read the question carefully.

2. Underline the question

What is the question asking them to do? In turn, children can ask their own questions such as: Is this an addition problem? Do I need to draw a shape? Am I being asked to measure something?

3. Circle the facts

Focus on the important facts needed to solve the problem: numbers, words or phrases.

4. Use a strategy to solve the problem

Think about how to solve the problem, which strategy will you use?

5. Evaluate

Encourage children to think about how they solved the problem; to check their answer and to share their solutions with a partner. Consider other ways or strategies they could have used to find a solution. This encourages children to reflect, to analyse, to ask questions and to explore alternate options.

(Lesson 126 • Ruby's Ribbons)

The strategies used in this lesson are:

Make an ordered list and Draw a diagram

Making a list and then ordering this list from smallest to largest helps children to be methodical in their problem solving. Children then need to choose a way to show this information as a diagram in a way that is clear and accurate.

Children will need a ruler.



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Reading Strategies







Look at the front cover of the book. Use the title and the pictures to help you guess what the story might be about. Share your thoughts with someone at home.

Visualising:

As you are reading, try to visualise yourself as the main character. What would you see, hear, taste, smell and feel? Fill out the Y chart to describe your visualisation.

Connecting:

Make a connection between the text and either yourself, the world or another book it reminds you of. Complete the making text connections worksheet.







Practise, Practise, Practise





First you need to tie a knot. Then you make two cute bunny ears! Tie a knot in those bunny ears and add an extra knot for good luck!

> You make it look easy! Thanks, Kiren.

My nanna always said to practise, practise, practise

Tie a knot ... bunny ears ... extra knot for good luck. Tie a knot ... bunny ears ... extra knot for good luck.

Tom, your shoelace is undone again. Shall I help you?

> Oh no, I can do that by myself now!

	Text Draw or write about what happens in the text.	Makin
Text to Self	Type of Connection (Circle one)	Making Text Connections
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			Describe the connection you have made with the text.				Write about what happens in the text.	Making Text Connections	Date:

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What material is best for keeping warm?

Lesson 1



Baby, It's Cold Outside!

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Materials needed

ACTIVITY QUESTION 4

Each group will need:

- 2 plastic bottles
- large containers of warm water
- a range of fabrics or old clothes to be cut up
- polar fleece, cotton, woollen, synthetic, plastic, vinyl, lycra, nylon
- a range of materials for insulation
- wadding, bubble wrap, crumpled paper, foil, cotton wool
- elastic bands to hold it together
- thermometer



Lesson 1

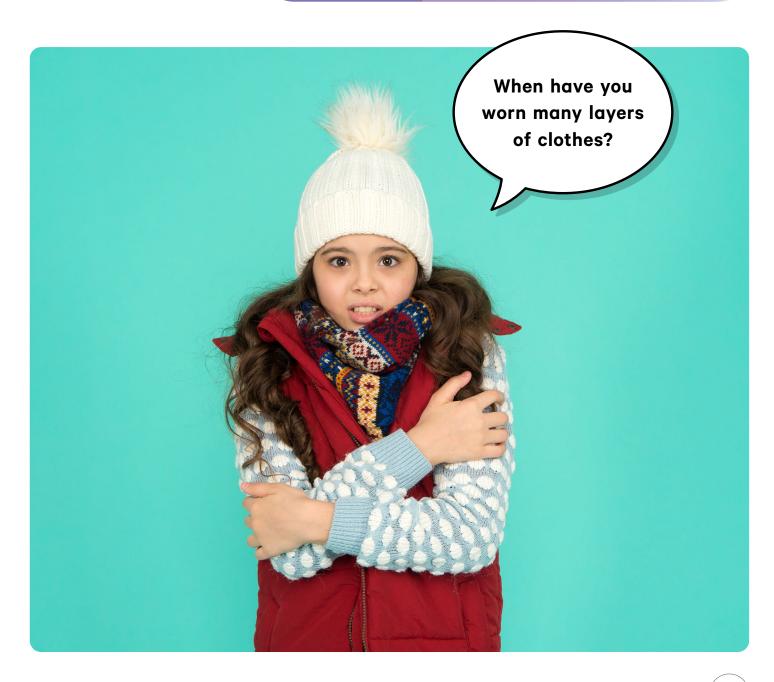
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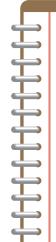


People often dress in layers so they can adjust their clothing to suit the weather. If the day starts hot but then gets cool, you can add more layers to keep warm.









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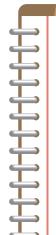
It is recommended, to keep warm, you should wear three layers of clothes:

- inner layer
- middle layer
- outer layer

Look at the pictures of different clothes.

With a partner, talk about which one you would wear for each layer and why.

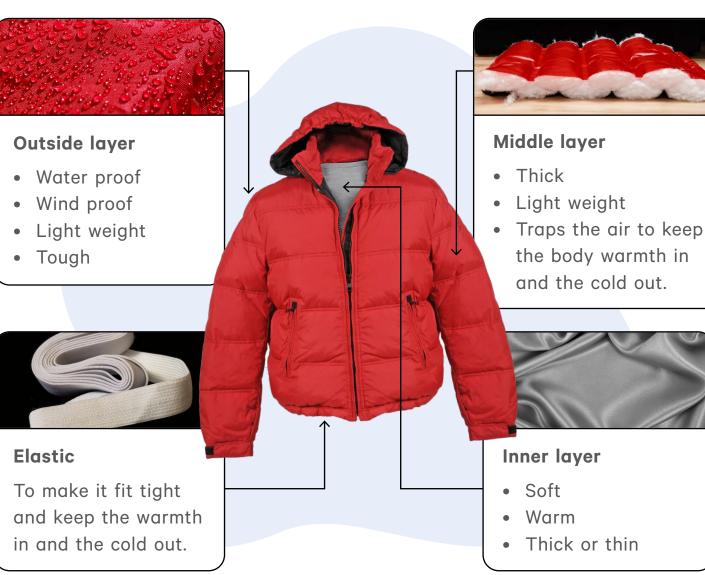




Sometimes really warm jackets are made with their own three layers for extra warmth.

3 Look at the infographic for the puffer jacket.

With your class, discuss the design features a puffer jacket should have.



Materials of a puffer jacket

Lesson 1

For extra warmth, puffer jackets have built in layers.

Using what you know Criteria about materials and List the design criteria design, complete the (features the jacket must have). design brief below. Design brief With your Materials List the materials your group group, design will use. a puffer jacket to keep a bottle of water warm.



Draw your design and explain why you used each material.

Test your design

6

Fill two plastic bottles with warm water.

Put the bottle jacket on one of the bottles.

Use a thermometer to measure their temperature. Write in the table below.

Temperature	Bottle 1 (No jacket)	Bottle 2 (With jacket)
At start		
After 10 minutes		
After 20 minutes		
After 30 minutes		

Results

Claim	Support	Question
What did your	How do you	What more would you
investigation prove?	know this?	like to know?

2.

Write your results for the bottle with the jacket on a sticky note.

Display your results with your bottle and jacket for a class gallery walk.

After looking at other groups' bottle jackets, choose what you think is the best one and explain why. Give this group a 'Good Design Award'.

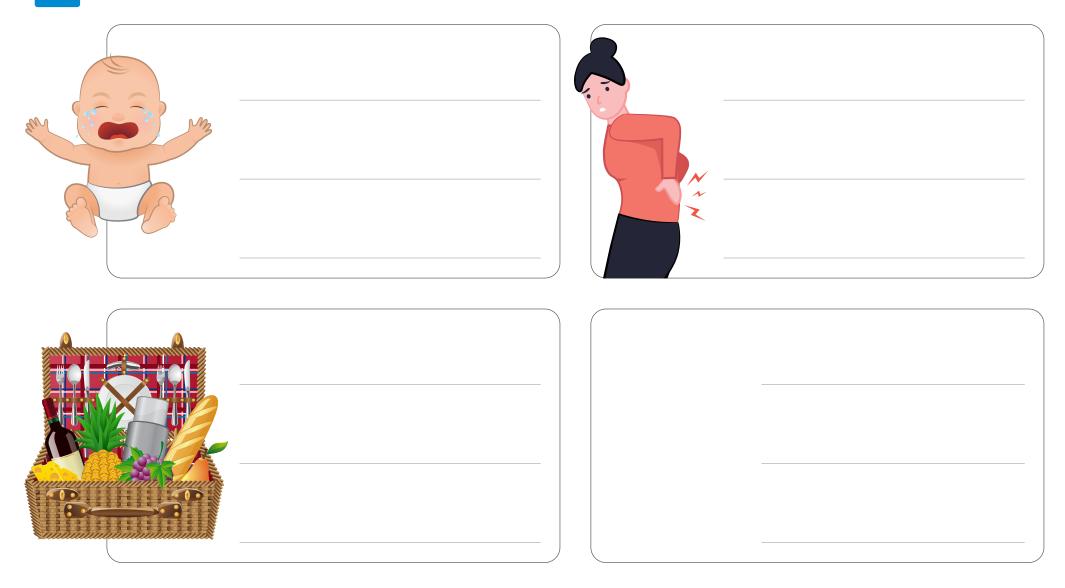
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Bottle with jacket
Group
Temperature:
• at start
• after 30 minutes
Difference

Write	two	thin	gs yo	bur	group	o could	do to
impro	ve tl	ne d	esign	of	your	bottle	jacket.

8 Think of four different ways you could use a bottle warmer.





Design a warm jacket for people to wear that uses recycled materials and renewable energy.