

# Lesson Plan for an 8th Grade Mathematics Class *Word Problem Comprehension*

**Topic:** Word Problems

**Objectives:** The student will... *(to be completed by the classroom teacher)*

**Set Induction:** The teacher asks the students if they would like to become more successful with solving word problems.

**Activities:**

1. Using word problems presented to the whole class, the teacher models how to examine the possible answers and eliminate obviously incorrect ones. (Note: It is important to allow the students to hear the entire thinking processes that go into the elimination of an answer.)
2. The teacher allows students to work with word problems in small groups or in pairs to practice the strategy.
3. Students are allowed to work individually.

**Closure:** Have students go over the process used to solve word problems to make sure they are applying the strategy properly.

**Evaluation Suggestions:** The students can be evaluated for group/pair work or individual work. Having the students write down the thinking that goes into eliminating answers will give a clearer picture of their comprehension of the problems.

**Resources and Materials:** Overhead and/or board, lots of word problems!



*Lesson Plan: Comprehending*