Math Problem Solving Strategies Anchor Charts



UPS-Check

UPS-Check is a great strategy you can use for any problem. Make sure you understand the problem, make a plan, solve the problem, and check your work.

Understand

- Read the problem.
- What do you know?
- What are you being asked to find out?

Plan

- What is your plan to solve the problem?
- What strategy will you use?
- What part might be most challenging?

Solve

- Implement your plan.
- Show all your work.
- Label your answer.
- Go slow.

Check

- Does your answer make sense?
- Is there another strategy you could use to check your work?

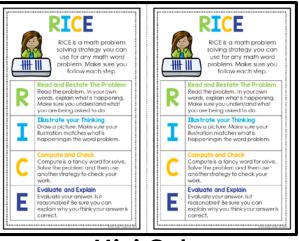
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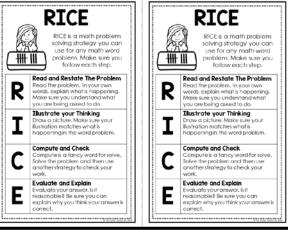
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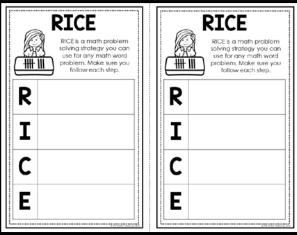
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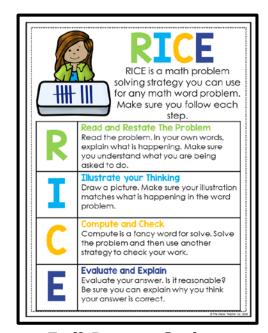




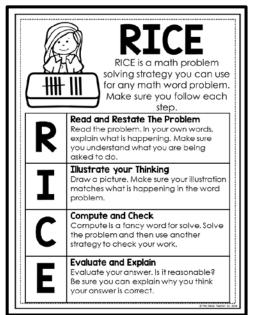
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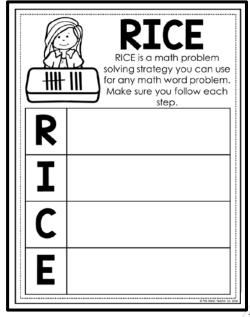
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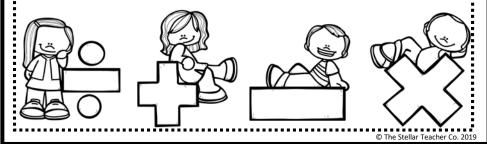
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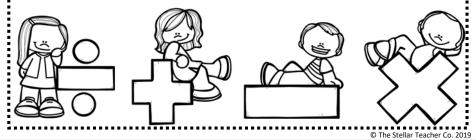
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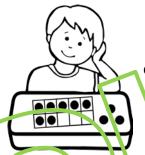


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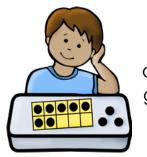
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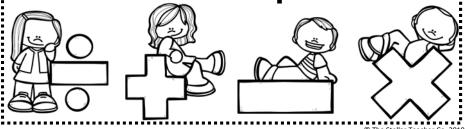
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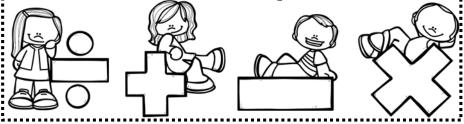
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