

# Problem-Solving Decision: Multistep Problems

**Problem** Most anteaters live in South American rainforests. There are 3 main kinds of anteaters. The smallest is the silky anteater. It is 12 inches long. The largest is the giant anteater. It is 6 times as long as the silky anteater. What is the difference in these two anteaters' lengths?

**UNDERSTAND**

1. What does the word "difference" mean in the problem?

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**PLAN**

2. Write the two steps and operations needed to solve the problem in the order you will do them.

**Step 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOLVE**

3. What is the answer to the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

**LOOK BACK**

4. Could you have done your steps in a different order and still solved the problem?

Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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