Problem-Solving Decision:
Too Much or Too Little Information

Ellie bought 2 loaves of bread. How much did she spend?

What facts do you need to solve the problem?

You need to know the price of each loaf of bread.

Is enough information given?

No; there are 2 different prices for loaves of bread.

What information is not given or not needed?

You need to know the size of each loaf of bread Ellie bought.

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Bakery Prices

roll - 10¢
large loaf of bread - $3
small loaf of bread - $2
pie - $4
cake - $5

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Solve. If you can’t solve the problem, tell what information you need.

1. Kevin bought 2 small loaves of bread. He pays for them with a $5 bill. How much did he spend?

2. How much would it cost to buy 2 doughnuts and a pie?

3. How much more does a large loaf of bread weigh than a small loaf of bread?