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?

1. What does the word “difference” mean in the problem?

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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3. What is the answer to the problem? ______________________

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

   Explain. ______________________________________
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