

Determining What Is Important...



Mathematicians decide what is important...

- we look for patterns and relationships
- we identify and use key words to build an understanding about a problem or concept
- we gather information from words, numbers, symbols, graphs, charts, tables....
- we decide what information is important and what information is not important (even though it might be interesting)

For your math problem, determine what information is important, somewhat important or not important in order to understand and begin to solve the math problem. Write your thoughts in the following chart.

Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important