

Steps to Unpack Math Problem

Step 1: Read the word problem and identify what do you need to find out.

I need to find out how many more blue marble than green marbles. ?

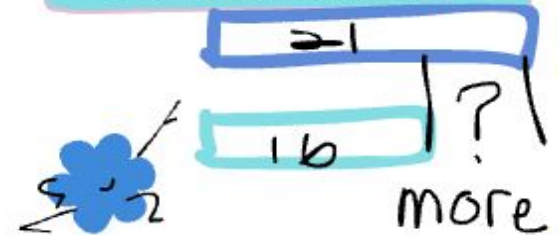


Step 2: Identify what information do I have?

There are 21 blue and 16 green marbles.



Step 3: Think of a visual model to represent the number relationships.



Step 4: Write an equation with what you need to find out "?" to represent the problem.

$$21 - 16 = ?$$

or

$$16 + ? = 21$$



There are 21 blue marbles and 16 green marbles in the jar. How many more blue marbles are there than the green marbles?

Step 5: Solve the problem

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16 21
 $21 - 16 = 5$