

Operations Module / Activity Worksheet for *Context Matters*

As you read *Context Matters*, consider the following questions:

1. How do you think about the difficulty levels of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in elementary school math? Describe a multiplication problem that is easier than problems in addition/subtraction/division? Why is it easier?

2. Describe one operations problem that is directly related to children's activities (real world) that you might see in a classroom. Then

- Describe a more difficult problem using the same setting (i.e., sharing blocks, adding to a set of duplos, etc.)
- Describe a easier problem using the same setting

3. Describe one of each (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division) problem using a set of ten teddy bears.

4. Describe two take-away messages from these questions and problems to share with the group.