

Math Code Words

Addition

(SUM)
add
perimeter
altogether
spend/spent
joined
both
and (between 2
numbers)
in all
total
combined
plus
also
“more” before the
question

Subtraction

(DIFFERENCE)
less
less than
fewer
decrease
gave
reduce
change
off
left
minus
“not” in the question
How many more?
How much more?

Multiplication

(PRODUCT)
times
twice
area and volume
“each” before the
question
“per” before the question
“every” before the
question
“one” before the question

Division

(QUOTIENT)
separate
equal or equally
half
remainder
goes into
split
“each” in the question
“per” in the question
“every” in the question
“one” in the question

These words are commonly found in word problems that tell us to perform a certain operation.