Maths at home — a card for the table

First: “Show me how your teacher does it.” Then ask; don't give the answer.

1. **“What is the problem asking you?”**
   They read it aloud, then say it in their own words.

2. **“What do you know? What information are you given?”**
   Underline each piece of information.

3. **“Where have you solved a problem like this?”**
   The teacher's example in the notebook.

4. **“Can you draw it the way you draw it in class?”**
   A bar, a box or a number line.

5. **“Does the answer make sense? How can you check it?”**
   They check it themselves.

Method	For	What it looks like	Example
Bar model	Word problems	Each quantity a bar, a brace for the total	4 parts = 72, one part $72 \div 4 = 18$
Box method	Multiplication	A rectangle of cells, an easy product in each	$200 + 30 + 80 + 12 = 322$
Number line	Subtraction	Jumps from the smaller number up to the larger	$3 + 30 + 2 = 35$

If you don't know the method, write to the teacher: “Which method are you using this month? Could you send us one worked example?”

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