## CLUES FOR WORD PROBLEMS

| Addition <br> $(+)$ | Subtraction <br> $(-)$ | Multiplication <br> $(x)$ | Division <br> $(\div)$ | Equals <br> $(=)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sum | Minus | Times | Divided by | Equals |
| Sum of | Less | Of | Quotient of | Is equal to |
| Plus | Less than* | Product | Ratio | Is as much as |
| And | Diminished by | Product of | Out of | Is the same as |
| Added to | Difference | Multiplied by | Per | The result is |
| Increased by | Difference <br> between | How many |  | Yields |
| More than | Decreased | Doubled** |  | Makes |
| Total of | Subtracted from* | Twice |  | Amounts to |

*Be careful with "less than" and "subtracted from," because they cause the order to be reversed.
**Be careful with "doubled" (multiplied by two) and "squared" (to the power of 2).

