This page includes selected example answers and approaches.
Other approaches and answers may be possible and appropriate.

Use a diagram to answer the question. Show your work.

Pedro had a piece of string.
Pedro gave Bill $\frac{1}{3}$ of the string.


Pedro gave Jen $\frac{1}{2}$ of the leftover string.
Pedro had 6 feet of string after giving pieces to Bill and Jen.

How long was the string before Pedro gave Bill and Jen pieces of it?

## 3 Reads

$1^{\text {st }}$ Read - Context
The problem is about...

## Example responses:

sharing string
cutting up string
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Read - Purpose
I need to find out...
Example response: How long the string was before Pedro cut it.

## $3^{\text {rd }}$ Read - Information

Important information is...

## Example responses:

Pedro has 6 feet at the end after sharing with both Jen and Bill
Pedro gave string to Bill first
Pedro gave one-third of the string to Bill
After Pedro gave string to Bill, he cut the rest of the string and gave Jen half of that part

## Pedro's String (new values)

Diagram:
Create a diagram that shows the important information and helps you answer the question.

(The image above is from the Pedro's String (1) app.)

Answer (use your diagram):
Pedro's string was 18 feet long before he shared it with Bill and Jen.

