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## Understanding the Problem: The Three Read Strategy

**Step 1:** Read the problem quickly to get a general understanding. Try to picture the problem.

Don't be concerned with the numbers. *What is the problem about?*

**Step 2:** Read the problem again. Identify the general question(s) you are asked to answer. You do not need to record each question. *What am I trying to find out?*

**Step 3:** Read the problem a third time. Identify key, extraneous and missing information. Draw a sketch and label with all the info you know.

<i>What do I know?</i>	<i>What's not important?</i>	<i>What do I need to know?</i>

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*Sketch w/ labels*

