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Here are some problems. In each problem I would like you to say:
Which operation (+ - × ÷) you used,
Whether you used pencil and paper or did the sum in your head,
How you solved the problem.



Can you give me an example, please?

Eg. Simon bought six tennis balls. Each ball cost £4.
How much did he pay altogether?

Operation:	×	Answer:	£24
Method:	I did this in my head because I know my four times table.		
How:	I multiplied £4 by 6 because each ball cost £4 and there were six of them.		

Practice with this one:

Eg. Kathy sold three books, one for **£1.50**, one for **£2.40** and another for **£4.70**.
How much money did she make altogether?

Operation:		Answer:	
Method:			
How:			

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This module is concerned with getting children to make decisions about:

Which operation is involved in word problems

Whether calculations should be done mentally or with pen and paper.

How to explain and record the operations used in solving the problem.

This module focuses on examples and draws children's attention to these issues, but it is important to realise that these decisions should be taken by children in most things they do in mathematics, so encourage them to discuss their work wherever possible.