SITUATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION SITUATIONS			
Join	Separate	Compare	Part-Part-Whole
Story is about something being added to an original amount.	Story is about something being removed from the original amount.	Story compares two quantities.	Story is about combining different types of objects.
Ex: AJ had books. She got books. She has a total of books.	Ex: AJ had books. She gave away books. Now she has a total of books.	Ex: AJ has books. Ian has books. AJ has more/less than lan.	Ex: AJ has fiction books and nonfiction books. The total of her books is
MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION SITUATIONS			
Equal Groups	Area/Array	Compare	Combinations
Story is about a quantity of same-sized grouped amount.	Story is about a quantity of equal-length rows.	Story compares two quantities multiplicatively.	Story is about finding how many pairings are possible (and beyond).
Ex: AJ has stacks of books. Each stack has books. She has a total of books.	AJ has books on each shelf. She has shelves. She has a total of books.	AJ has books. Ian has books. AJ has times more books than lan.	AJ has books and magazines. She takes one of each to school. There are different combinations.