

**P** Underline the PROBLEM

**I** Box the INFORMATION

**S** Pick a STRATEGY (bar model, equation, etc)

**A** Does your ANSWER make sense?

Mario was making cookies. He mixed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups of flour,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cups of sugar and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of brown sugar together in a bowl. How many cups did he have altogether?

$$2\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} =$$