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I solved the problem by...

The first thing I did to solve the problem was...

I know the answer is reasonable because...

I can check my answer by...

I can prove my thinking by...

The best way to solve this problem would be to...

I know my answer is correct because...

The strategy I used was...

Another strategy you could use would be...

I know this because...

I discovered that...

I learned that...

I wonder…

I knew that...

Not So Wimpy Teacher

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Computation	The answer and strategies used were incorrect.	The answer is incorrect, but the strategy used to solve is correct.	The answer and the strategies used to solve are correct.
Label	The answer does not include a label.	The answer includes a label but it is not accurate.	The answer includes an accurate label.
Visual Representation	Work does not include a visual representation.	Work includes a visual representation but it includes errors.	Work includes accurate pictures, number lines and/or equations.
Explanation	No written explanation is included.	Explanation is included but not detailed or in complete sentences.	Explanation is detailed and written in complete sentences.
Neatness	Work is not legible.	Work is difficult to read but legible.	Work is neat and legible.

Diary of a Not So Wimpy Teacher