**Critical Steps in a Think Aloud**

**Practice**

1. **Choose a mixed number addition problem from the below.**

**OR**

1. **Choose a problem from your text that you will be teaching.**
2. **Draft a think-aloud with your partner.**
3. **Practice the think aloud with your partner.**

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| $$ 3\frac{1}{6} $$$$+ 2\frac{4}{6}$$**Problem 1** | $$ 2\frac{1}{2} $$$$+ 4\frac{1}{8}$$**Problem 2** | $$\frac{5}{6} $$$$+ 2\frac{4}{6}$$**Problem 3** |

**Critical Steps in a Think Aloud: Problem 1**

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| Read the problem. |
| State what the problem is about. |
| Explain your approach (how you’ll solve). |
| Describe WHY each step is needed. |
| Link procedures back to finding the unknown. |
| Provide a recap explaining why the answer makes sense. |

**Critical Steps in a Think Aloud: Problem 2**

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| Read the problem. |
| State what the problem is about. |
| Explain your approach (how you’ll solve). |
| Describe WHY each step is needed. |
| Link procedures back to finding the unknown. |
| Provide a recap explaining why the answer makes sense. |

**Critical Steps in a Think Aloud: Problem 3**

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| Read the problem. |
| State what the problem is about. |
| Explain your approach (how you’ll solve). |
| Describe WHY each step is needed. |
| Link procedures back to finding the unknown. |
| Provide a recap explaining why the answer makes sense. |