Making decisions

As outcomes, Year 6 pupils should, for example:
Use, read and write, spelling correctly: operation, sign, symbol, number sentence, equation
 Make decisions: choose the appropriate operation(s) to solve word problems and number puzzles; decide whether calculations can be done mentally or with pencil and paper or a calculator; explain and record how the problem was solved.
For examples of problems see sections on: puzzles (page 79), 'real life' (page 83), money (page 85), measures (page 87) and time (pages 89 and 101).
Make up 'number stories' to reflect statements like: 143.5 + 32.45 = 175.95 57.2 - 2.56 = 54.64 For example: 27 compact discs at £6.83 each will cost £184.41.
Recognise the operation represented by the * in examples such as: 377 * 58 = 435 377 * 58 = 6.5 377 * 58 = 21 866
Look at divisions of different pairs of numbers. Discuss which is easiest/hardest to do and justify why.