Solve the word problems using the RDW strategy. Show all of your work.

1. A baker buys a 5 lb bag of sugar. She uses $1\frac{2}{3}$ lb to make some muffins and $2\frac{3}{4}$ lb to make a cake. How much sugar does she have left?

2. A boxer needs to lose $3\frac{1}{2}$ kg in a month to be able to compete as a flyweight. In three weeks, he lowers his weight from 55.5 kg to 53.8 kg. How many kilograms must the boxer lose in the final week to be able to compete as a flyweight?

3. A construction company builds a new rail line from Town A to Town B. They complete $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles in their first week of work and $1\frac{2}{3}$ miles in the second week. If they still have $25\frac{3}{4}$ miles left to build, what is the distance from Town A to Town B?

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4. A catering company needs 8.75 lb of shrimp for a small party. They buy $3\frac{2}{3}$ lb of jumbo shrimp, $2\frac{5}{8}$ lb of medium-sized shrimp, and some mini-shrimp. How many pounds of mini-shrimp do they buy?

5. Mark breaks up a 9-hour drive into 3 segments. He drives $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours before stopping for lunch. After driving some more, he stops for gas. If the second segment of his drive was $1\frac{2}{3}$ hours longer than the first segment, how long did he drive after stopping for gas?

Answer Key

- 1. $\frac{7}{12}$ lb 2. $1\frac{4}{5}$ kg 3. $28\frac{2}{3}$ mi 4. $2\frac{11}{24}$ lb 5. $2\frac{1}{3}$ hr