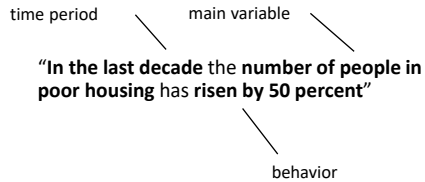# Step 2 - What's the problem?

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A problem statement succinctly describes how behavior has evolved over a period of time.

It gives your work a clear focus and purpose.

A problem statement always has three parts.

time period — main variable

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behavior

Example : All three parts of the problem statement were contained in the article. This is not always the case.

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