Double-Entry Response Journal – Math Word Problem

Nina went to a pizza place with 2 friends. They ordered a large mushroom pizza for $23.55 and a garden salad for $3.60. They also got 2 sodas for $1.00 each. The tax came to $1.50. How much change should they have received from $35.00?

From the TEXT (facts, quotes):

1. “with 2 friends”
2. “How much change should they have received?”
3. “How much change should they have received from $35.00?”

From your BRAIN (thoughts, reactions, opinions):

When I read with 2 friends, I began to think that it was going to be a division question, and I would divide my answer by 3.

Then I noticed that it didn’t matter how many people were buying the food because it said how much change should they have received, so I knew to ignore the number of people ordering.

I am guessing that the answer is less than $35.00 because it asks how much change from $35.00, and “change” means they are getting money back.