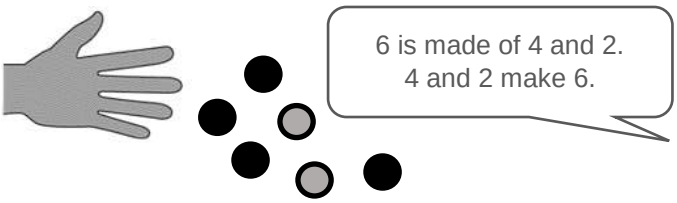
Mastering Number at Home

Year 1 – Week 1

Drop the counters

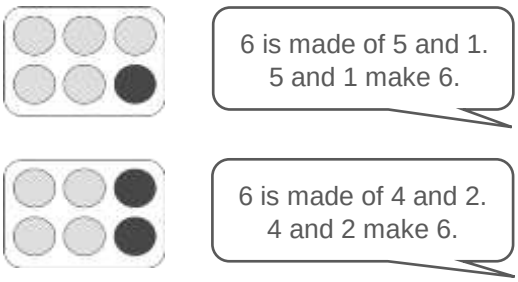


(Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

How to play

- For this game, you will need 6 two-colour counters and the worksheet **'Drop the counters'**. Decide who will be player 1 and who will be player 2.
- Take it in turns to hold 6 counters in your hand and to drop them all at once onto the table.
- Check how many of each colour are showing. [Note that if all the counters land with the same colour showing, the player misses their turn.]
- Use the stem sentence to say aloud the way you have made 6. [See the example above and the worksheet **'Stem sentences'** for guidance.]
- On your recording sheet, cross out the way you have made 6 with the counters.
- Keep playing until either player has crossed out all the ways to make 6 on their sheet.

Egg box 6



(Tuesday and Thursday)

How to play

- For this game you will need an egg box and 6 two-colour counters.
- Place all 6 counters in the empty spaces in the egg box, with the same colour facing up.
- Turn over 1 counter and use the stem sentence to say the way to make 6 that is shown – *"6 is made of 5 and 1…"* [See the example above and the worksheet **'Stem sentences'** for guidance.]
- Keep turning over 1 counter at a time and saying the new way to make 6 until you have found *all* of the ways to make 6.

Other things to try at home

Noticing packs of 6

In your home, can you make a list of things you have bought in packs of 6?

Things to try outdoors

Make sets of 6 things you can find in nature, e.g. 6 leaves, 6 acorns, 6 conkers, 6 twigs, and so on. If you see a collection of fewer than 6 things, ask, *"How many more will make 6?"*