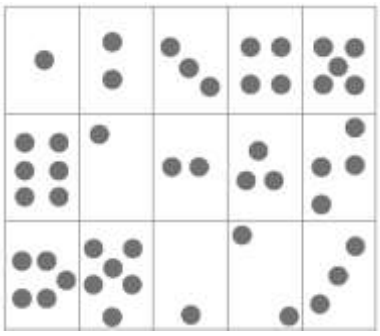
Mastering Number at Home

Year 1 – Week 4

Find pairs to 7 (with dots)

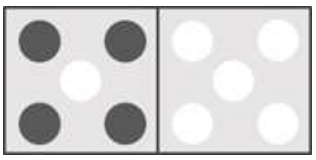


(Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

How to play

- Cut out the cards on the worksheet **'Find pairs to 7 (with dots)'** and place them face-up on a flat surface.
- Pick up 1 card. Can your child find its partner, so the 2 cards together make 7?
- [Note: Your child should not rely on COUNTING the dots, but on recognising the 'parts' of 7.]
- On Friday, you may wish to time your child to see how quickly they can find all the ways to make 7.

Make it 7



(Tuesday and Thursday)

How to play

- For this game you will need ONE of the frames from the worksheet **'Double dice frames'** and 10 counters.
- Place some of the counters on 1 side of the frame.
- Ask your child to place counters on the other side of the frame to make 7 altogether.
- Play the game several times.
- For a greater challenge, remove the frame and arrange the counters randomly on a flat surface. Can your child still make 7 without counting?

Other things to try at home

Hide the coins

For this game you will need 7 one-penny coins. Split the coins between your 2 hands and close your fists around them. Reveal the coins in 1 hand to your child. Can they say how many coins are in the other hand to make 7 altogether?

Heads and tails

Explain the concept of 'heads' and 'tails' to your child using a one-penny coin. Then, drop 7 one-penny coins onto a flat surface. Ask your child, *"How many coins are showing heads? How many are showing tails?"* Can your child tell you the answer without counting them? Finally, say what you can see, e.g. *"5 heads and 2 tails is 7 altogether."*