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## Coherent Sequencing of Early Mathematics Content for Students with Autism

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## Session Description

Foundational numeracy concepts are taken for granted in education. It is often assumed that students will possess certain skills before they even begin formal education in mathematics.

This assumption can create gaps in learning and lead to remediation, instead of altering the original instructional sequence to be more coherent.

Students with Autism often have delays in language acquisition, which leads to delayed instruction in mathematics. This delay in mathematics learning presents educators with a unique opportunity to redefine how we think about early numeracy concepts and design more coherent sequences in mathematics curricula.

## Thinking differently about early numeracy?

- ~~• Available curriculum/programs~~
- Identify skills
- Order skills logically
- Find associated prerequisites
- Teach to mastery/fluency/across exemplars/etc...

## Session Outline

1. ABA Stuff
2. **Early Numeracy Sequencing**
3. **Counting Principles**
4. **Operations**

# ABA Background

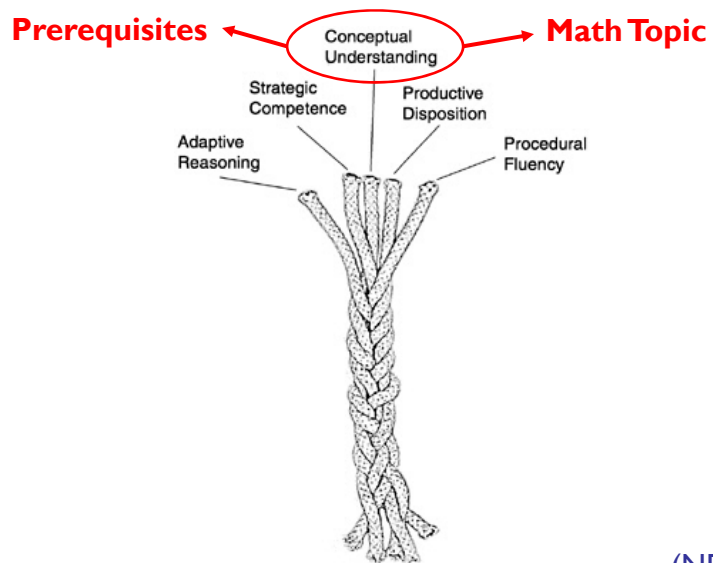


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## Pop Quiz!

**Math is a**  
*Language*.

## 5 Strands of Mathematical Proficiency



## What is **conceptual understanding**?

### Extended Tacts

- Generalization must occur
  - Can apply to novel items without explicit teaching
  - Across...
    1. People
    2. Places
    3. Materials
    4. Instructions
    5. Time
- Feature/Function/Class
  - Tacting critical features may facilitate concept acquisition
- The tact is involved in the process of joint control which assists students in effective verbal recall and effective listener responding.

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## What is **conceptual understanding**?

### Atomic Repertoires

- New combination of skills applied to new behaviors
- Most of our spoken language is a result of ARs


### What are the prerequisite skills needed for the atomic repertoires for the math content?

- Imitation
- Echoic
- Tacts
- Textual Behavior (reading texts/symbols)
- Transcriptive Behavior (copying text/symbols)
- Etc...

**We must identify the skills in relation to content!**

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## “Concept Matrix”

		<u>Student (behavior)</u>				
		Find digit	Write digit	Write text	Say number	Make pattern
<u>Teacher (antecedent)</u>	Say number	LR	Trans.	Trans.	Echoic	LR
	Show digit	MtS	Trans.	Trans.	IV	MtS
	Show text	MtS	Trans.	Trans.	Text	
	Show pattern	MtS	Trans.	Trans.	Tact	MtS

From this point on...

I am going to simplify the ABA Vocabulary so we can focus on the math.

You can still make connection/improvements if you have that level of background.

# Early Numeracy



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## NCII: Teaching Counting

5 min.

National Center on  
**INTENSIVE INTERVENTION**  
an American Institutes for Research

### Teaching Counting: Considerations for Instruction Purpose and Overview of Guide

The purpose of this guide is to provide strategies and materials for developing and implementing lessons for students who need intensive instruction in the area of place value, numeracy, and counting. Resource room teachers, math interventionists, and others working with struggling students may find this guide helpful.

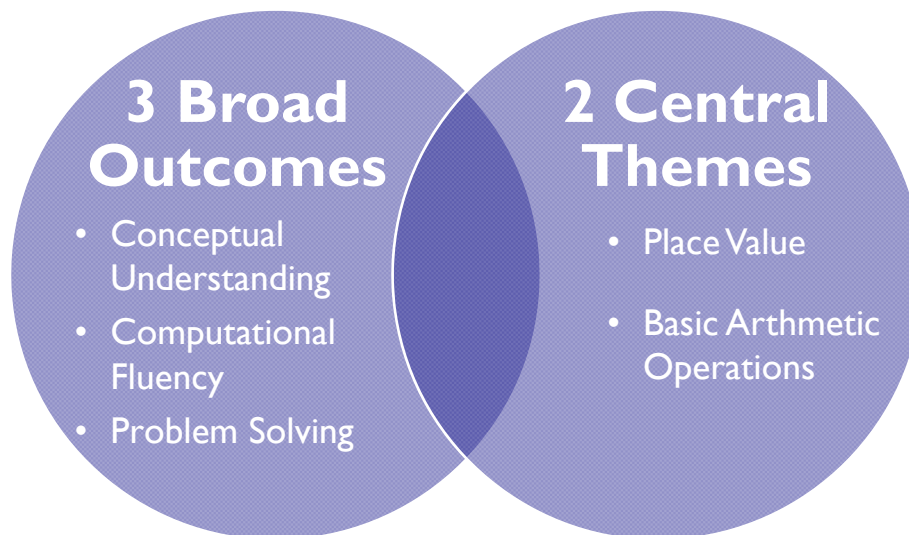
Within the Common Core State Standards, place value is taught in the Counting and Cardinality domain at kindergarten and the Operation and Algebraic Thinking and Numbers and Operations in Base Ten domains at Grades 1 and 2. This guide may be used as these concepts are introduced, or with students in higher grade levels who continue to struggle with the concepts.

The guide is divided into four sections:

1. Sequence of skills as defined by the Common Core State Standards
2. A list of important vocabulary and symbols
3. A brief explanation of the difficulties
4. Strategies



## Early Numeracy



(Anderson, 2013)

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## Early Numeracy: Broad Outcomes

### **Conceptual Understanding** (Willingham 2009)

- Understanding meaning and rationale
- Logical, justifiable, knowing the “why”

### **Computational Fluency** (NCTM 2000)

- Efficient, accurate methods to compute
- Accuracy, flexibility, understanding

### **Problem Solving** (Schoenfeld 1992)

- Routine excersizes
- Reaching goal not immediately attainable, “novel”

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## Early Numeracy: Central Themes

### Place Value (*Base 10*)

- Single Digits
- Groups of ten
- Positional Base System

### Basic Arithmetic Operations

- Addition/Subtraction
  - Multiplication/Division
- } **Inverse Operations**

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## Basic Principles of Counting

Numerical Mechanisms and Children's Concept of Numbers

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The School of Psychology  
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**3 One-to-one** – Counting one “thing” at a time; transfer from uncounted group to counted group (**1:1 Correspondance**)

**1 Cardinal** – The last count represent the quantity in the counted group (**Cardinality**)

**2 Stable-order** – Establishes consistent sequence

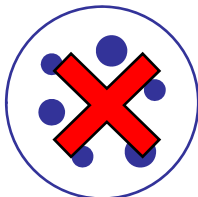
**Abstraction** – applying counting to like objects, actions, sounds, etc...

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**Order-irrelevance** – Can count in any order

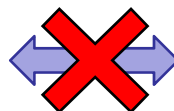
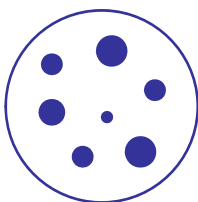
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Number Module  
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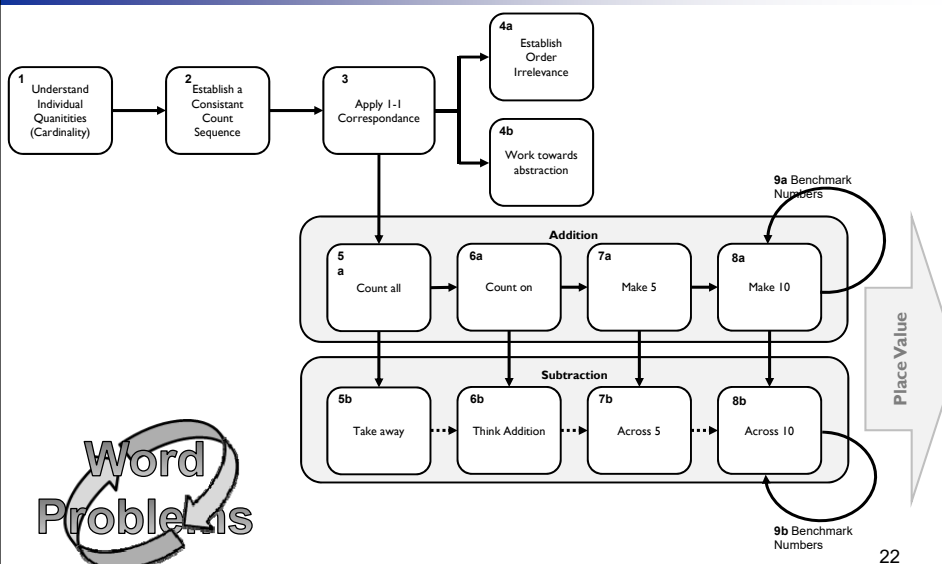


**Quantity Meaning & Symbolic Meaning  
must be emphasized!**

Symbolic Access  
Deficit



## From Quantity to Computation



# cardinality

"what numbers represent"

"What does three really mean?  
What is three-ness"



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What does "3" really mean?

3 three "three" ● ● ●



"1 ... 2 ... 3!"

"one more than 2"

"one less than 4"

"is between... "

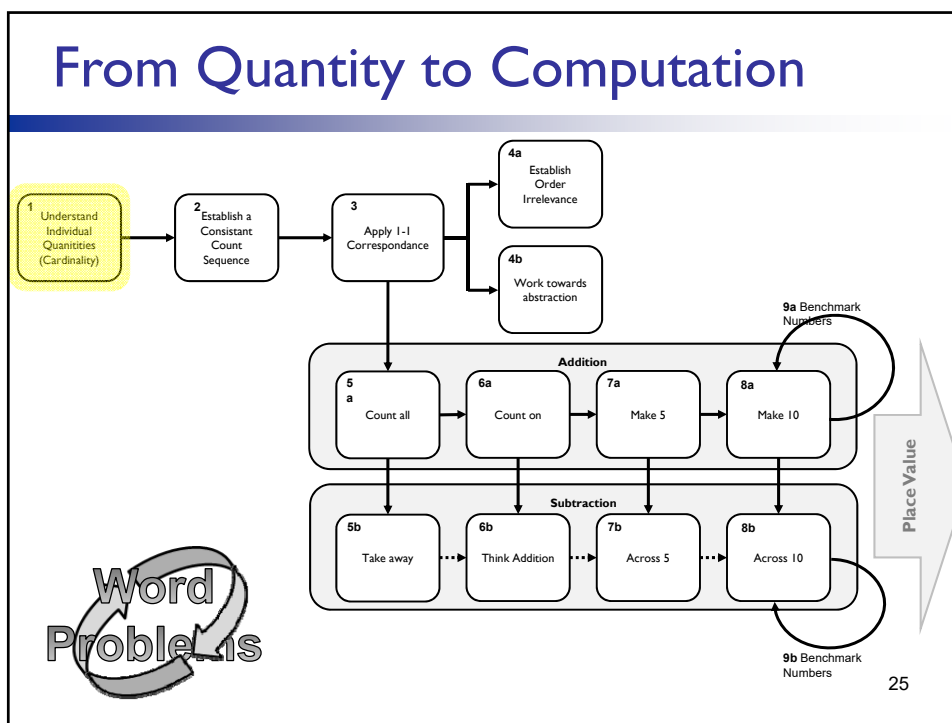
"is more than... "

"is less than... "

"is the same as... "

3 units





## Cardinality: the size of a set

- The number of elements in a set.

“A set of numbers, called  $S$ , contains the numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The cardinality of the set  $S$  is 5.”

if  $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$  then  $|S| = 5$

Cardinality begins by learning quantities/patterns.  
Cardinality is enhanced with 1:1 Correspondence.

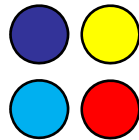
- Through 1:1 “counting”
- Through 1:1 “matching”

## Cardinality: the size of a set

- The number of elements in a set.

“A set of dots, called  $D$ , contains the dots ●, ●, ●, and ●. The cardinality of the set  $D$  is 4.”

if  $D = \{ \text{●}, \text{●}, \text{●}, \text{●} \}$  then  $|D| = 4$



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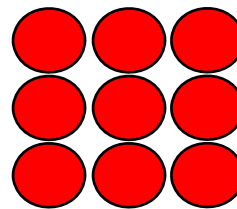
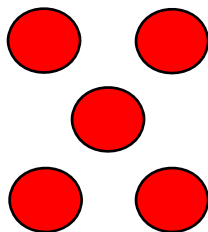
## Subitization

The ability to see a quantity and know how many, without “counting.”

Perceptual

and

Conceptual



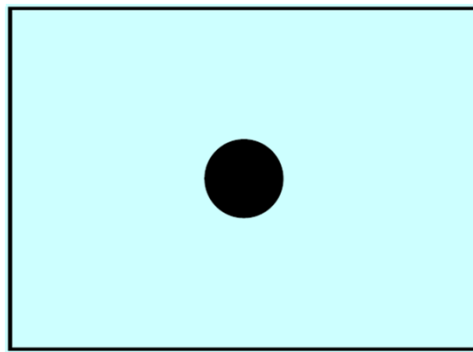
## Subitization

Research indicated that dice patterns and rectangular arrays are the easiest for students to learn.

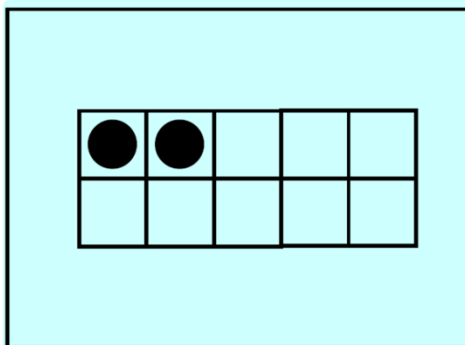
**Don't go crazy!**

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## Subitizing – “How Many?”

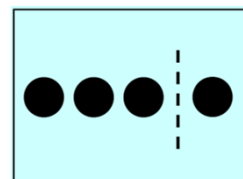
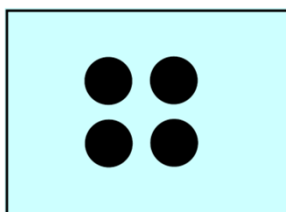
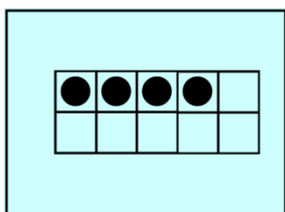


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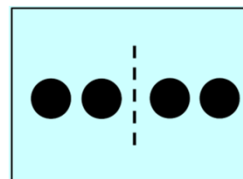
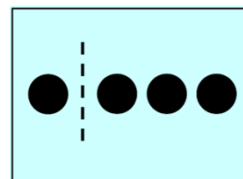
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## Connecting Representations of Numbers



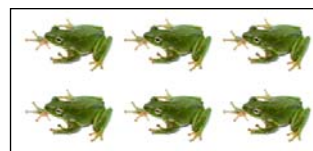
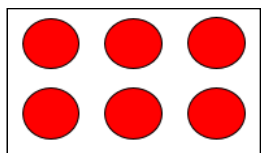
four

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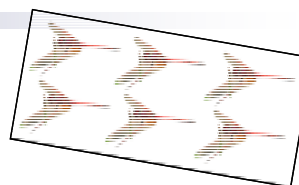
## Subitization



## Subitization – Tacting a Feature

Verbal Conditional  
Discrimination must be  
established.

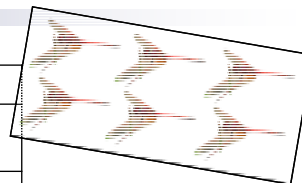
- What is it?
- What part is it?
- How many?



This is complex verbal behavior.

## Subitization – Tacting a Feature

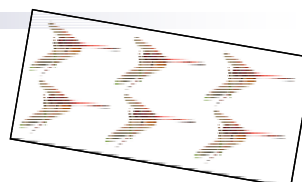
Trial	Teacher	Learner
Tact Prompt for Part	Presents item “How many? Six.”	“Six”
Tact Transfer	“How many?”	“Six”
Distractor(s)	?	?
Tact Trial Item	Presents item “What are these?”	“Red-veined Dropwing Dragonflies”
Tact Part Check	Presents item “How many?”	“Six”



Error Correction – Run a contrast correction as part of the distract trial sequence

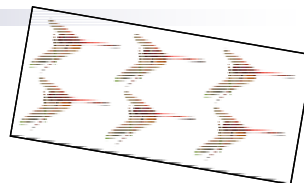
## Subitization – Data Collection

Skills Tracking Sheet			
Skill: _____			
	Target	Date Introduced	Date Mastered
1	One: bus		
2	car		
3	red-veined dropwing		
4	plane		
5	frog		
6	circles		
7	Two: bus		
8	car		
9	red-veined dropwing		
10	plane		
11	frog		
12	circles		
13	Three: bus		
14	car		
15	red-veined dropwing		
16	plane		
17	frog		
18	circles		
19	Four: bus		
20	car		



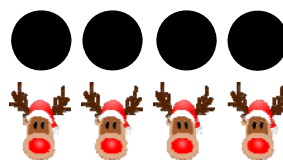
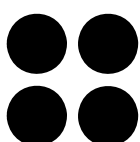
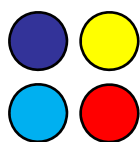
## Subitization – Tacting a Feature

Generalization & discrimination should be present for the items in the set.



The concept of quantity has been developed when the individual can subitize (tact) novel items in a set without explicit training.

## Cardinality: the size of a set



*four reindeer*

*4 pumpkins*

*4*

*four*



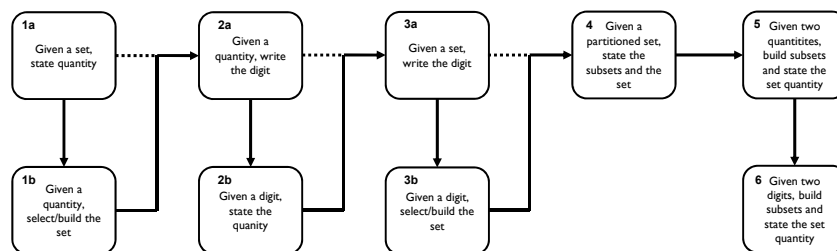
## Cardinality: the size of a set

This is a setting to ensure the following abilities are generalized across multiple exemplars

- **Words** (saying, writing)
- **Patterns** (identifying, building)
- **Digits** (matching, writing)
- **Assinging units**

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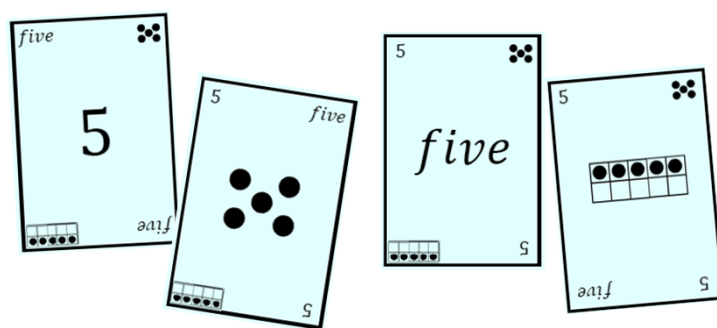
## Understanding Individual Quantities



## Potential Prerequisites?

What prerequisite skills might students need to learn about cardinality?

## Play time!



Match Game

Go Fish!

War!

**Other Ideas?**

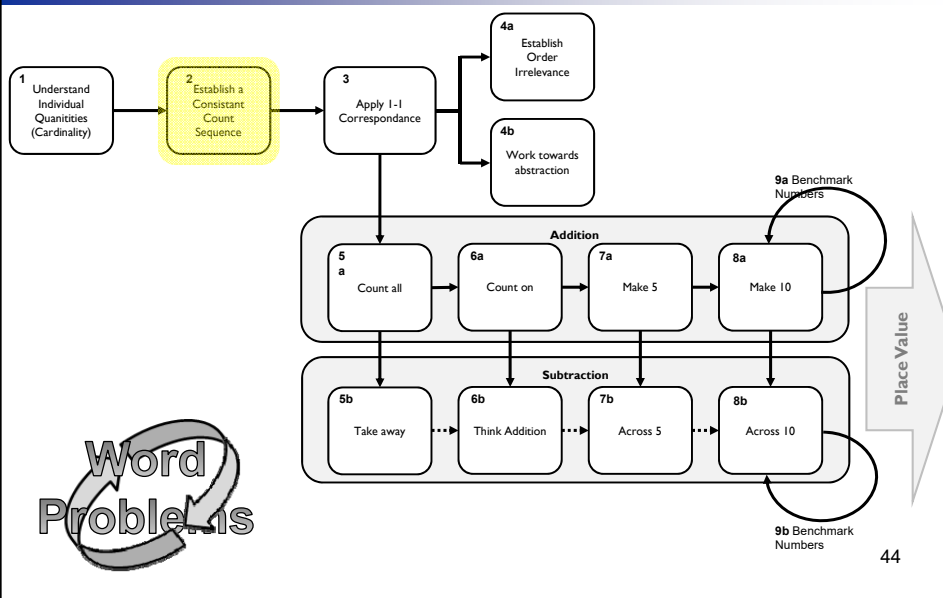
# Stable-Order

## "consistent count sequence"



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## Stable-Order: Consistent Count Sequence

- Establish a consistent count sequence.

Once student understand a set of quantities, those are arranged in order of magnitude to establish a count sequence.

Magnitude – Comparing to other sets

Single Comparison - Greater than, less than, equal

Multiple comparisons - Ordering sets

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## Single Comparison

- Comparing one number to another

Which is more/less?    **# or #**    **2 or 8**  
    **4 or 5**

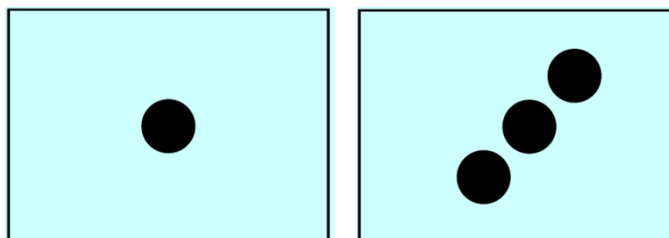
**More bees or trees?**



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## Single Comparision

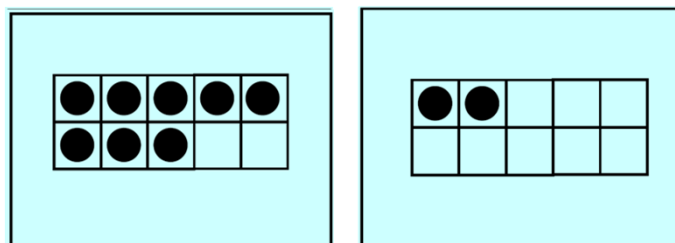
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## Single Comparision

- Comparing one number to another



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## Single Comparison

- Comparing one number to another

# <sup>greater</sup>  
is <sup>less</sup> <sub>equal</sub> than/to #

The number of bees is \_\_\_\_ than the number of trees.



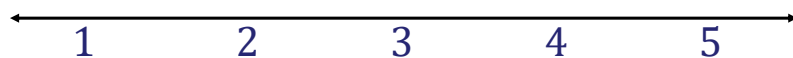
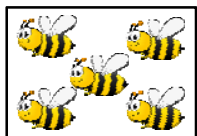
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## Multiple Comparisons (ordering)

- Comparing more than one number

Least, greatest, minimum, maximum, middle...

### ORDERING



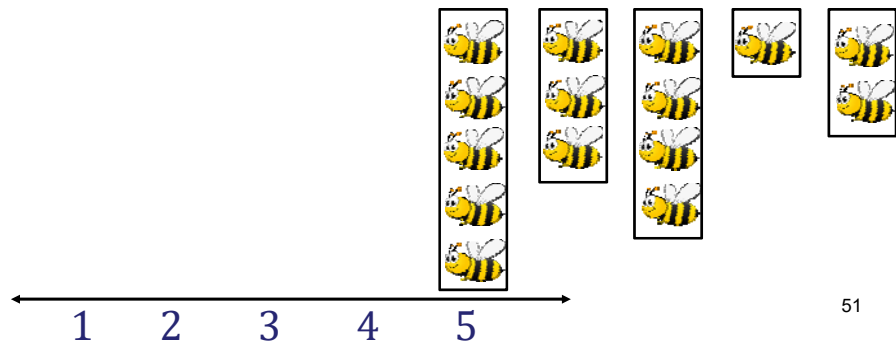
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## Stable-Order: Consistent Count Sequence

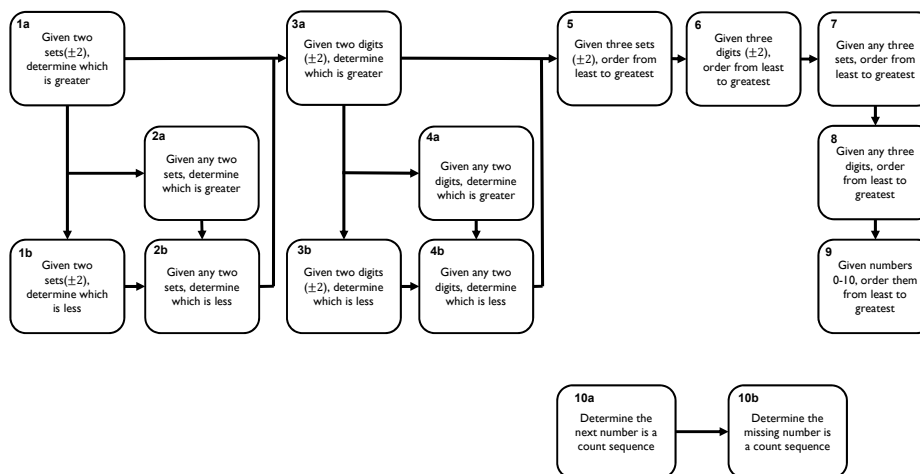
1 3 10 2 5 8  
0 9 4 7 6



"Zero, one, two, three, four, five, six, ..."

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## Establish a Consistent Count Sequence



## Potential Prerequisites?

What prerequisite skills might students need to establish a consistent count sequence?

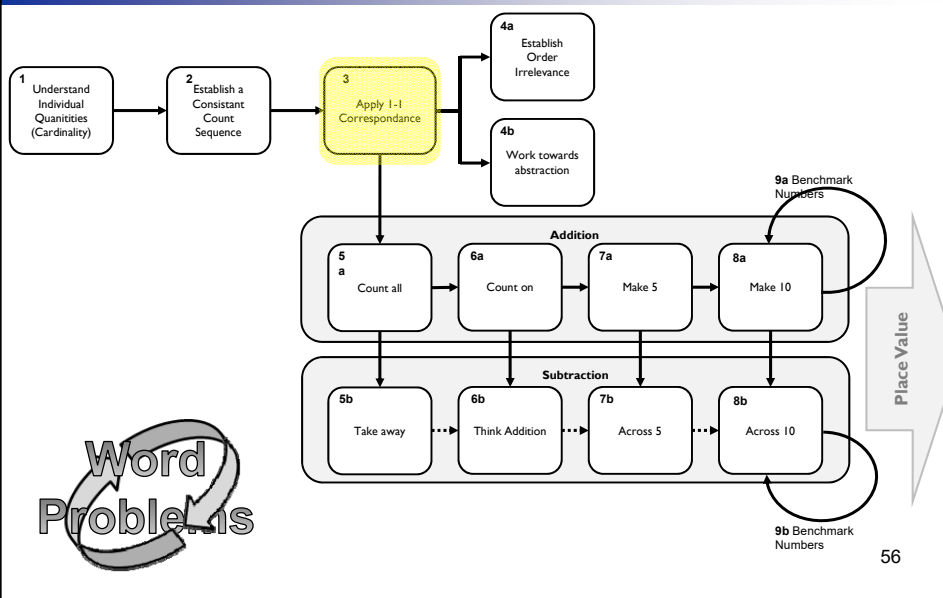
# 1:1 Correspondance

"not just counting words"



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## 1:1 Correspondence

- Pairing between two sets, each object in  $A$  with one and only one object in  $B$

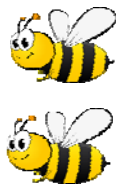
if  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$   
then  $A$  and  $B$  are in one-to-one correspondence

$(1, a), (2, b), (3, c), (4, d), (5, e)$

## 1:1 Correspondence & Cardinality

Cardinality is enhanced through 1:1 Correspondence  
**Magnitude**

**More bees or trees?**



## 1:1 Correspondence & Cardinality

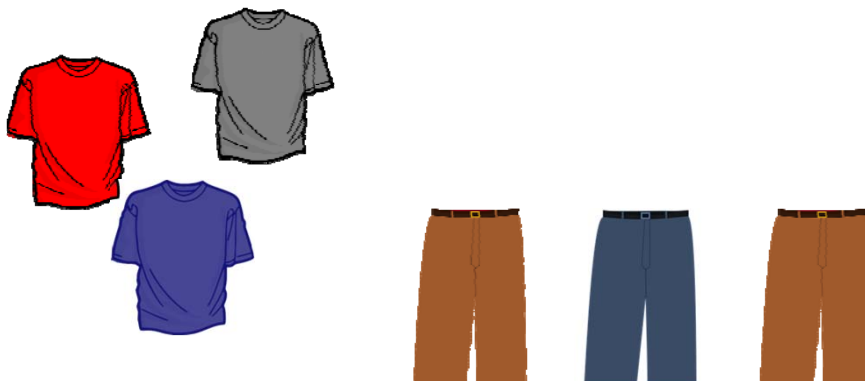
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- Pairing between two sets, each object in A with one and only one object in B





if  $A = \{ \text{🧸} , \text{🧸} , \text{🧸} , \dots \}$  and  
 $B = \{ \text{"one"}, \text{"two"}, \text{"three"}, \dots \}$   
 then ...

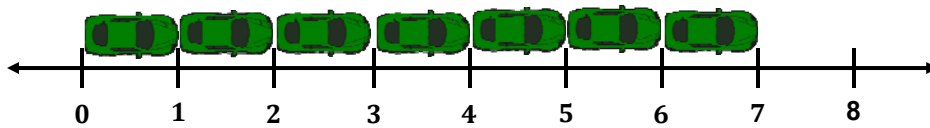
## Applying the Count Sequence

- **Partitioning** – Moving from “uncounted pile” to “counted pile” – touching?
- **Tagging** – assigning label; placing in “labeled” spot or attaching label








## Applying the Count Sequence

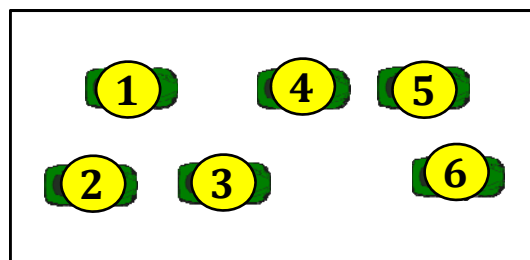
*movable*

				5
6	7	8	9	10



## Applying the Count Sequence

				
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## Applying the Count Sequence *movable*

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

“Get four cars.”

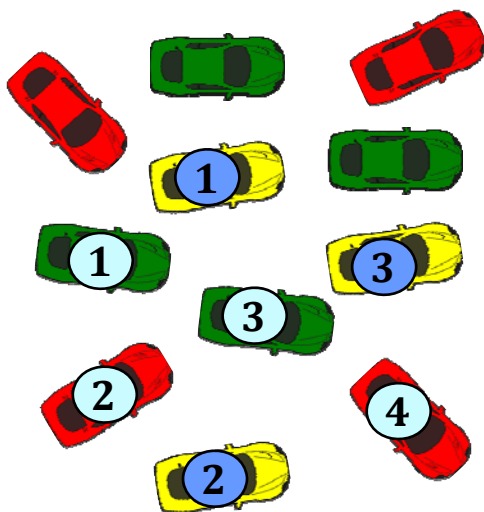
**Defined set**

“How many yellow?”

**Discrimination**



## Applying the Count Sequence *movable*



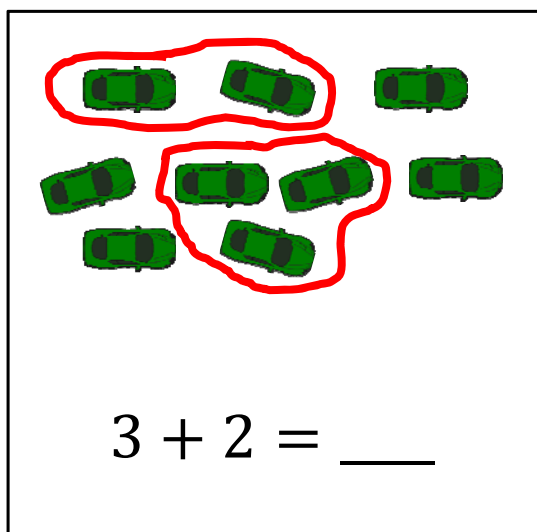
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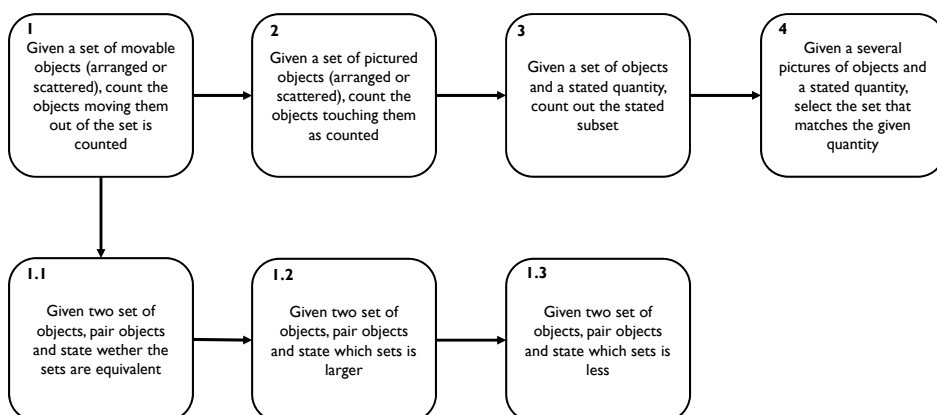
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## Applying the Count Sequence



## Apply 1: 1 Correspondence



## Potential Prerequisites?

What prerequisite skills might  
students need to learn about  
1:1 Correspondance?

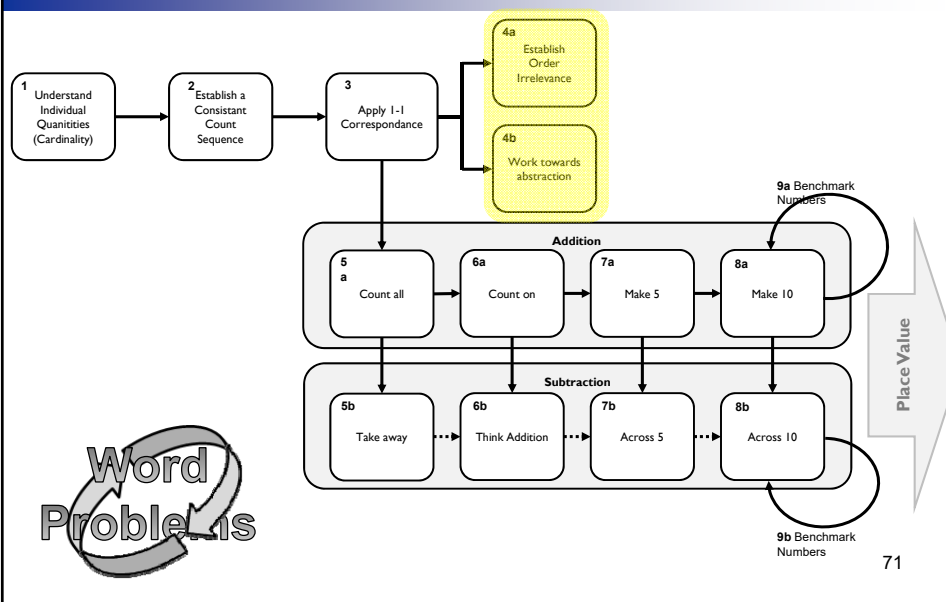
*Order Irrelevance*  
*Abstraction*

*“what are we counting”*



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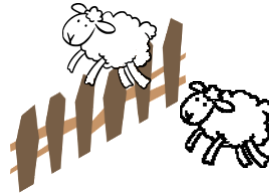
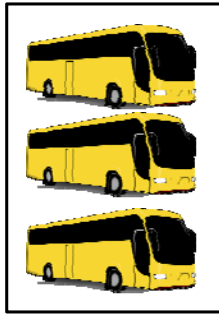
## Order Irrelevance

- Counting a set of items in different orders always results in the same size set



## Abstraction

- Count things that are “not easily re-counted”



## Potential Prerequisites?

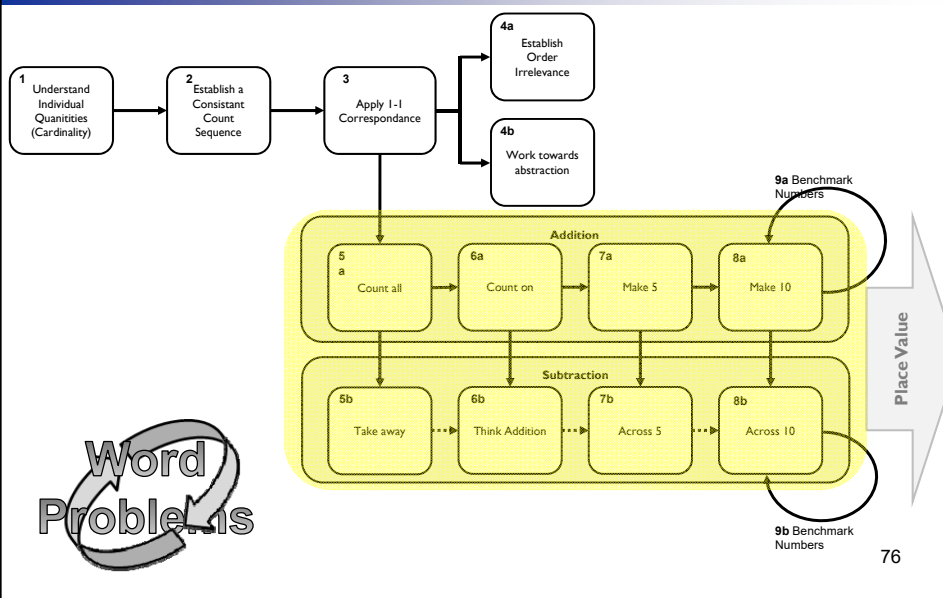
What prerequisite skills might students need to learn about flexibly and abstractly?

# Operations



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# The Mathematics Framework, Appendix F



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State Board of Education-Adopted Subtraction Problems

Appendix F: Methods Used for Solving Single-Digit Addition and Subtraction Problems

Appendix F: Methods used for solving single-digit addition and subtraction problems

Level 1: Direct Modeling by Counting All or Taking Away.

Represent situation or numerical problem with groups of objects, a drawing, or fingers. Model the situation by composing two addend groups or decomposing a total group. Count the resulting total or addend.

Adding ( $8 + 6 = \square$ ): Represent each addend by a group of objects. Put the two groups together. Count the total. Use this strategy for Add To/Result Unknown and Put Together/Total Unknown.

Subtracting ( $14 - 8 = \square$ ): Represent the total by a group of objects. Take the known addend number of objects away. Count the resulting group of objects to find the unknown addend. Use this strategy for Take From/Result Unknown.

Levels	$8 + 6 = 14$	$14 - 8 = 6$
Level 1: Count all	Count All a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 b 1 2 3 4 5 6 c 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Take Away a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 b 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 12 13 14 c 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
Level 2: Count on	Count On a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 b 9 10 11 12 13 14 c 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	To solve $14 - 8$ I count on $8 + 7 = 14$ I look away 8 8 to 14 is 6 so $14 - 8 = 6$
Level 3: Decompose: Make a ten (general): one addend breaks apart to make 10 with the other addend	Decompose: Make a Ten a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 b 9 10 11 12 13 14 c 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	$14 - 8$ : I make a ten for $8 + 7 = 14$ 8 + 2 + 4 = 14 8 + 6 = 14

# The Mathematics Framework, Appendix F




Levels	$8 + 6 = 14$	$14 - 8 = 6$
Level 1: Count all	Count All	Take Away
Level 2: Count on	Count On	Think +
Level 3: Decompose Make a ten (general): one addend breaks apart to make 10 with the other addend  Make a ten (from 5's within each addend)	Make 5/10	From 5/10
Doubles = $n$	$6 + 8$ $= 6 + 6 + 2$ $= 12 + 2 = 14$	

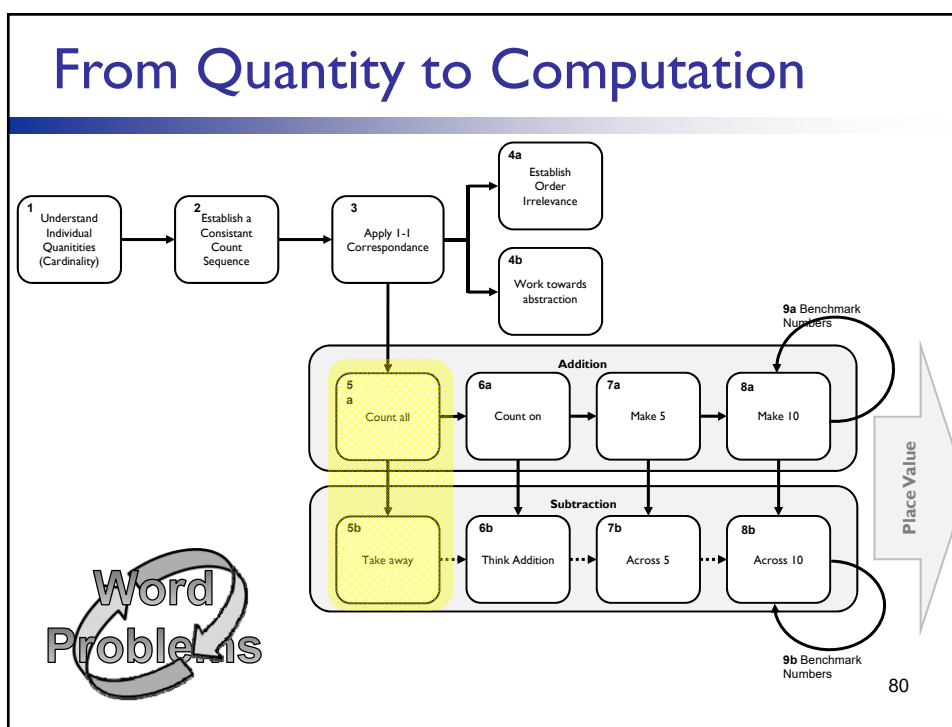
Note: Many children attempt to count down for subtraction, but counting down is difficult and error-prone. Children are much more successful with counting on; it makes subtraction as easy as addition.

# Early Addition/Subtraction

“practice counting with symbols”



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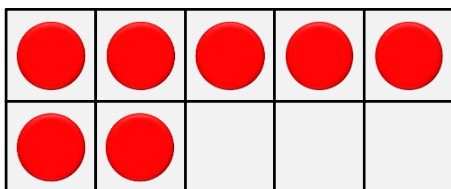




### Count All – Take Away

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

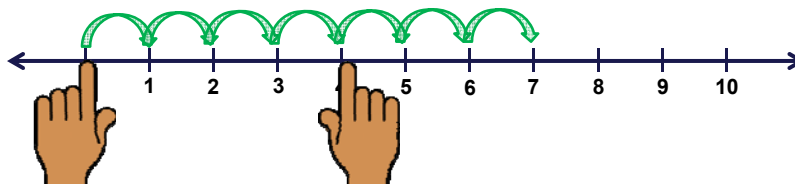
$$(1 + 1 + 1 + 1) + (1 + 1 + 1) =$$



### Count All – Take Away

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

$$(1 + 1 + 1 + 1) + (1 + 1 + 1) =$$

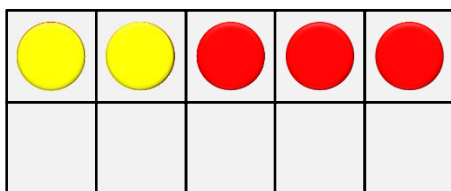


# Count All – Take Away

$$5 - 3 = 2$$

$$(1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1) - (1 + 1 + 1) =$$

$$(1 + 1 + \cancel{1} + \cancel{1} + \cancel{1}) - \cancel{1} - \cancel{1} - \cancel{1} =$$

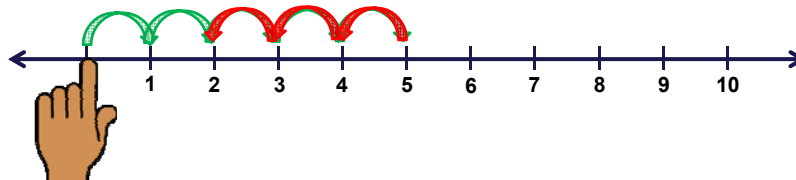


# Count All – Take Away

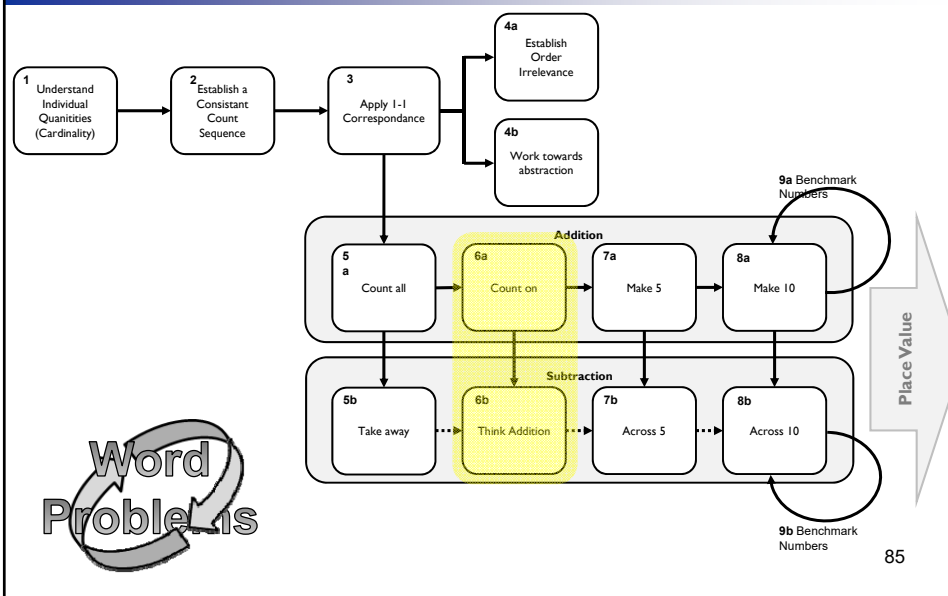
$$5 - 3 = 2$$

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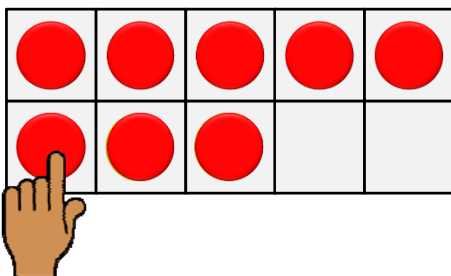
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### Count On – Think Addition

$$6 + 2 = 8$$

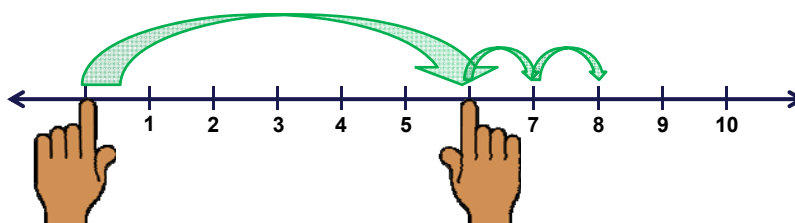
$$6 + (1 + 1) =$$



### Count On – Think Addition

$$6 + 2 = 8$$

$$6 + (1 + 1) =$$



### Count On – Think Addition

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

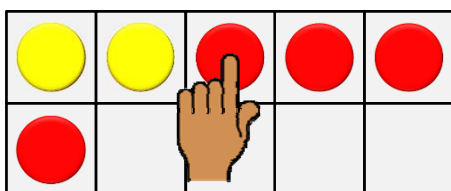
$$6 - (1 + 1) = 6 - 1 - 1 =$$

**Count Back**

Count On – Think Addition

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

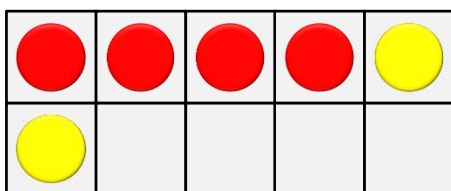
$$2 + \boxed{4} = 6$$



Count On – Think Addition

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

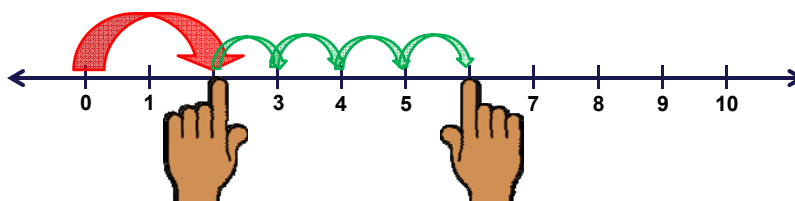
$$2 + \boxed{4} = 6$$



## Count On – Think Addition

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

$$2 + \boxed{4} = 6$$



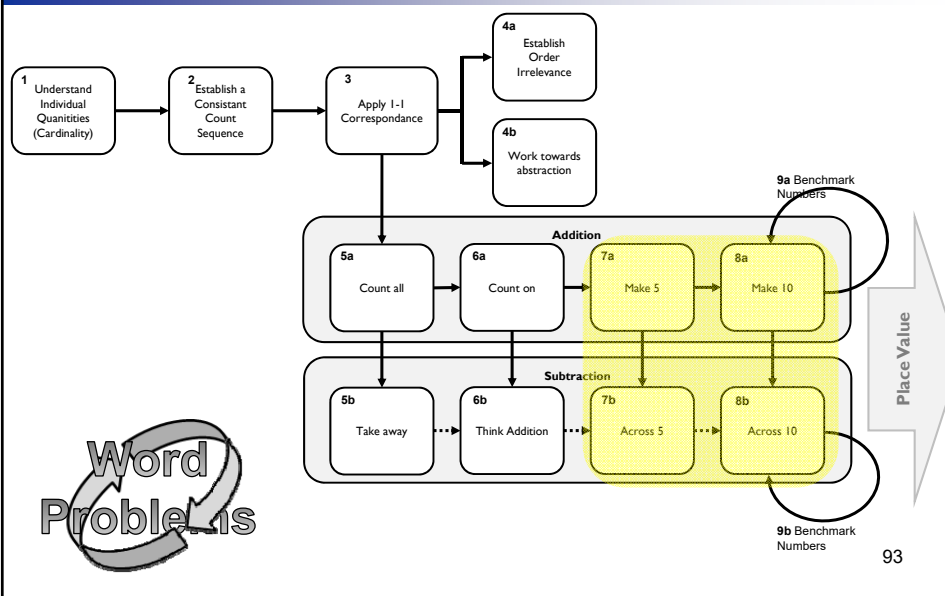
Advanced  
Addition/Subtraction

“flexibility with numbers”



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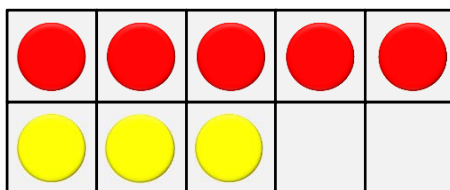


### Make 5 – Across 5

$$4 + 4 = 8$$

$$4 + (1 + 3) =$$

$$(4 + 1) + 3 = 5 + 3 =$$

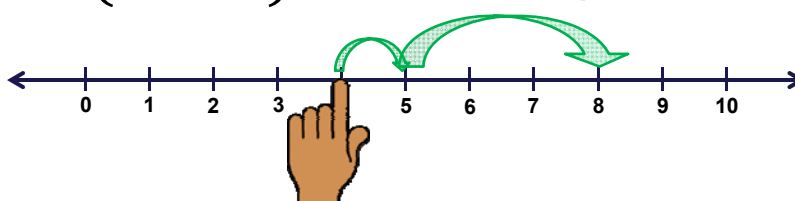


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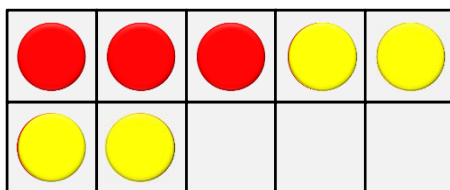


### Make 5 – Across 5

$$7 - 4 = 3$$

$$7 - (2 + 2) =$$

$$(7 - 2) - 2 = 5 - 2 =$$



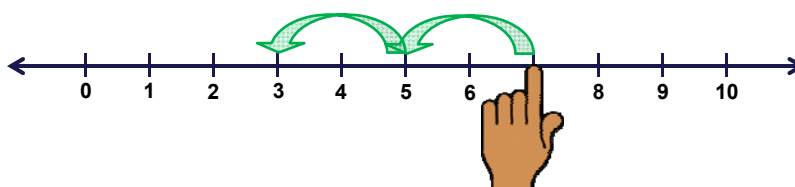


### Make 5 – Across 5

$$7 - 4 = 3$$

$$7 - (2 + 2) =$$

$$7 - 2 - 2 = 5 - 2 =$$

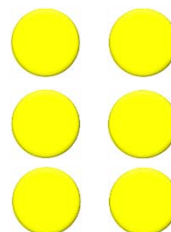
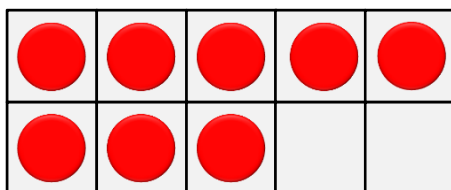


### Make 10 – Across 10

$$8 + 6 = 14$$

$$8 + (2 + 4) =$$

$$(8 + 2) + 4 = 10 + 4 =$$

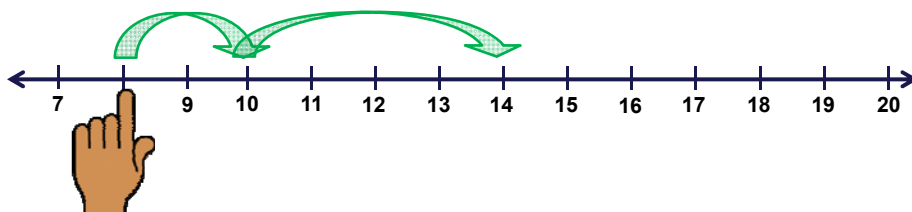


### Make 10 – Across 10

$$8 + 6 = 14$$

$$8 + (2 + 4) =$$

$$(8 + 2) + 4 = 10 + 4 =$$

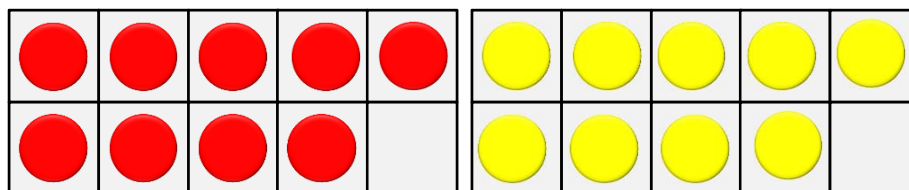


### Make 10 – Across 10

$$9 + 9 = 18$$

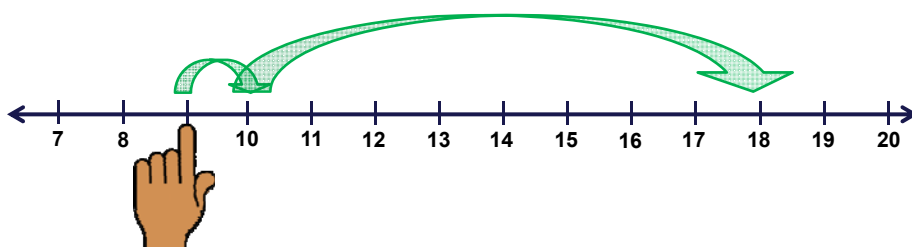
$$9 + (1 + 8) =$$

$$(9 + 1) + 8 = 10 + 8 =$$



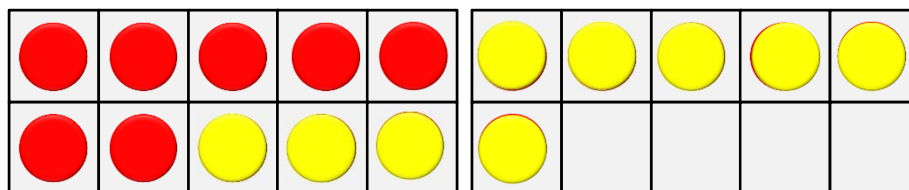
### Make 10 – Across 10

$$\begin{aligned}
 &9 + 9 = 18 \\
 &9 + (1 + 8) = \\
 &(9 + 1) + 8 = 10 + 8 =
 \end{aligned}$$



### Make 10 – Across 10

$$\begin{aligned}
 &16 - 9 = 7 \\
 &16 - (6 + 3) = \\
 &(16 - 6) - 3 = 10 - 3 =
 \end{aligned}$$

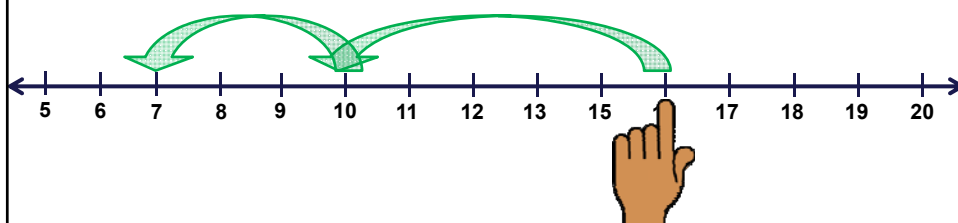


## Make 10 – Across 10

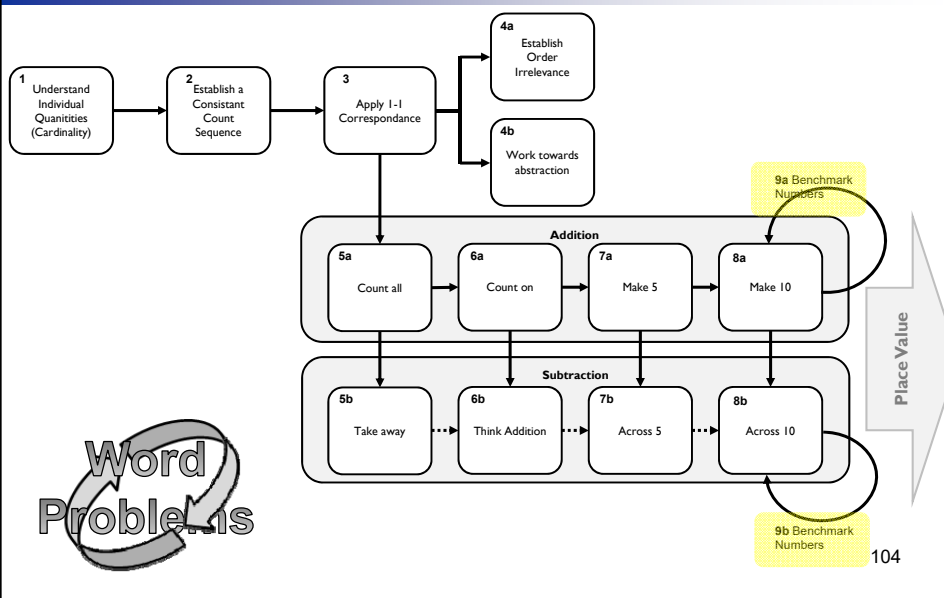
$$16 - 9 = 7$$

$$16 - (6 + 3) =$$

$$16 - 6 - 3 = 10 - 3 =$$



## From Quantity to Computation



## Importance of “tens”

- Mental Math is handled in chunks, not an algorithm
- Flexibility with numbers – **NUMBER SENSE**
- Leads to place value

## What is **Number Sense**?

“a child’s fluidity and flexibility with numbers, the sense of what numbers mean, and an ability to perform mental mathematics and to look at the world and make comparisons”

(Gersten & Chard, 1999)

## Importance of “tens”

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 34 \\
 - 16 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{l}
 (34 - 6) - 10 \\
 (34 - 4 - 2) - 10 \\
 (30 - 2) - 10 \\
 28 - 10 \\
 18
 \end{array}$$

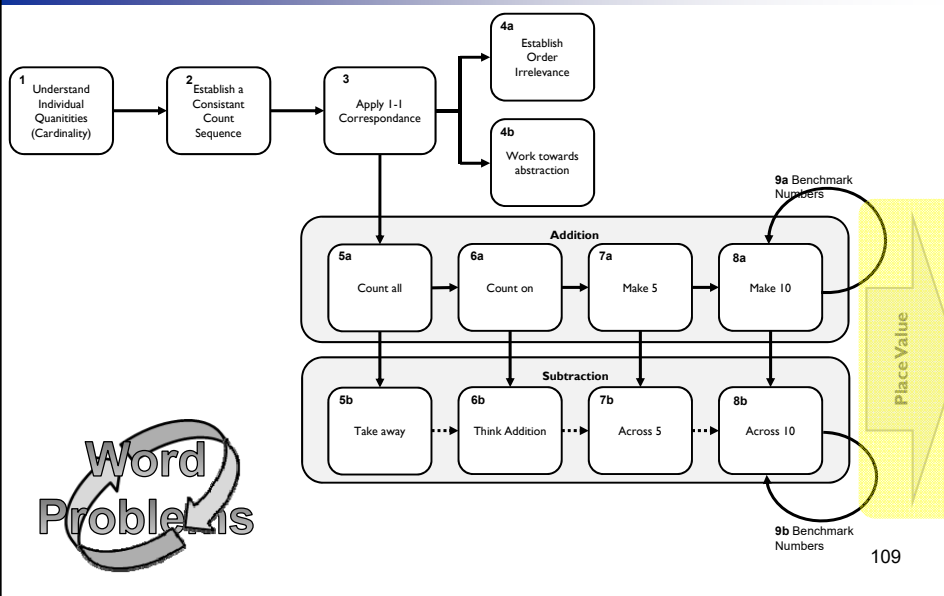
Place value

“seeing sets of 10”



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## Ten-Frame Progression

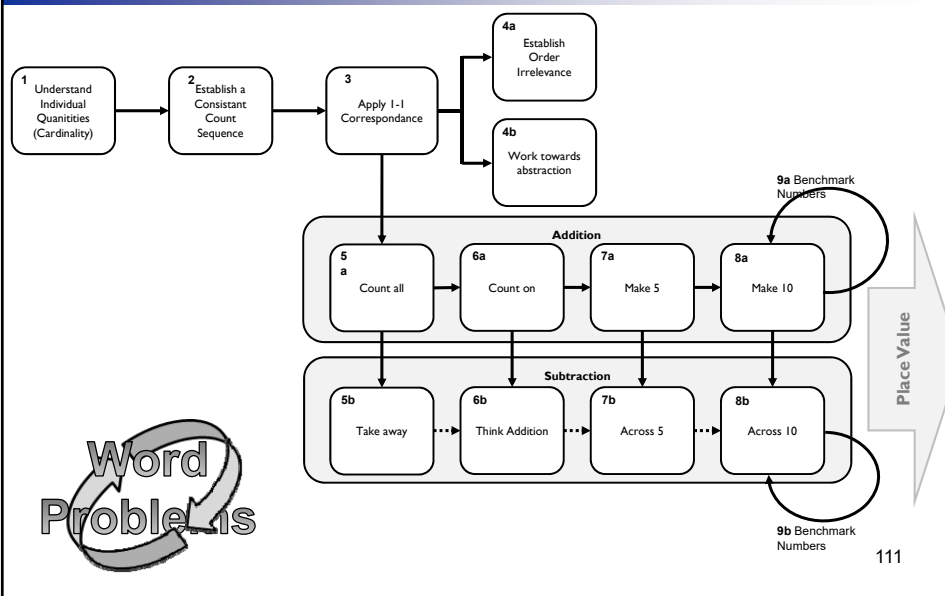


$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \bigcirc \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \\
 \bullet \\
 \hline
 6 \\
 + 5 \\
 \hline
 10 \\
 + 1 \\
 \hline
 11
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \\
 27 \\
 + 36 \\
 \hline
 63
 \end{array}$$

$$60 + 3$$

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