

Developing Number Sense at HOME

Here are 5 simple ways to seamlessly integrate number sense activities while driving in the car, cutting vegetables, waiting in the dentist's office...

1 What's the Question?

Give your kids the answer and have them come up with the problem. For example: *The answer is seven. What's the question?* Sample answer: *I had ten grapes and then I ate three. How many grapes are left?*

2 Who Am I?

Not only are these perfect for mental math practice but they're a great way to reinforce math vocabulary. Sample: *I am an even number greater than ten but less than twenty. The sum of my digits is nine. Who am I?*

3 Which Number Does Not Belong?

This is a pre-algebra activity where kids sort and classify numbers into categories. Example: *Which number does not belong: 4, 12, 17, 8, 20?* Answer: *The number '17' does not belong because it is an odd number (or...17 is not a multiple of 2).*

4 Which Has More?

A great mental math activity that gets kids to compare several quantities at the same time. Example: *Which has more, the number of wheels on two cars or the number of eggs in a dozen?*

5 And the Answer is...

For this activity, kids need to compute a series of quantities in their head. Example: Start with the number of days in a week. Subtract the number of wheels on a tricycle. Double that number. And the answer is...

