

Ten Frames

Kindergarten

Two rows of five — the picture that makes numbers instant.

A ten frame holds exactly ten. Fill the top row first, always left to right.

1

FILL THE TOP ROW

Five spaces. A full top row always means five.

2

START THE SECOND ROW

Six is a full row plus one. Seven is a full row plus two.

3

SPOT IT WITHOUT COUNTING

After a week, they will see 8 as 'full row and three' instantly.

4

ASK WHAT IS MISSING

"Seven is here. How many empty spaces?" That is $7 + 3 = 10$.

Number bonds to ten come from this frame. It is the most useful picture in early maths.