

Activities for Home

Dear Families

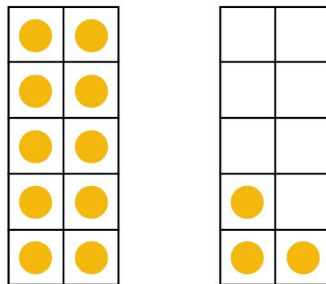
At school we are learning about subtracting across 10, for example, $13 - 5$. When we subtract across 10 we use the “**Make 10 and Then**” strategy we learnt for addition, just in reverse. Below is an explanation of the strategy for subtraction, and at the bottom of the page are some suggested equations to act out together with your child, using the tens frames provided, and some small everyday objects such as pieces of pasta.

Make 10 and Then Strategy (subtraction)

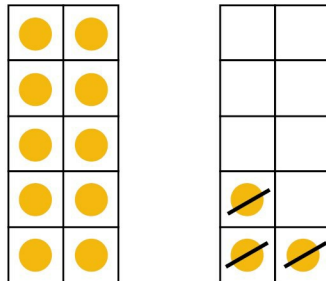
To use the ‘Make 10 and Then’ strategy we need to break the number being subtracted into two parts and then perform two calculations, as shown below. Talk to your child about how we have been doing this at school.

For example: $13 - 5$

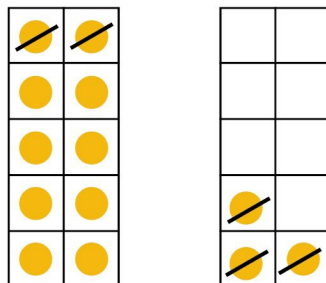
Step 1: Lay out the number 13 on two tens frames in its 'Ten and A Bit' format. (You can use any every day object, such as pasta pieces, to show the number on the tens frame).



Step 2: Subtract the 'Bit' in the starting number to Make 10. The 'Bit' is 3.



Step 3: Then, subtract what's left of the 5. What's left is 2.



So, $13 - 5$ is the same as $13 - 3 - 2$. The answer is 8.

Work through the following equations with your child using your everyday objects and the tens frames provided:

$13 - 7 =$ $14 - 5 =$ $12 - 4 =$ $11 - 6 =$ $15 - 6 =$ $12 - 7$