

Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to use the make a ten strategy to add two numbers.

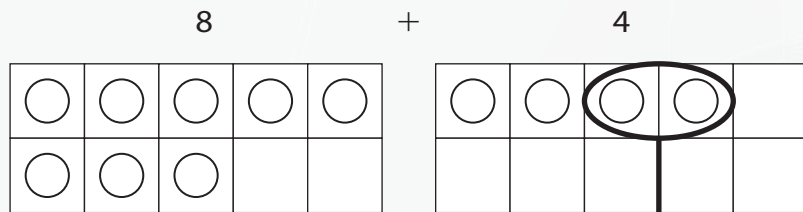


Adding two numbers can be easier when one of the numbers is 10. Using the make a ten strategy will help your child to quickly add two numbers that have a total greater than 10.

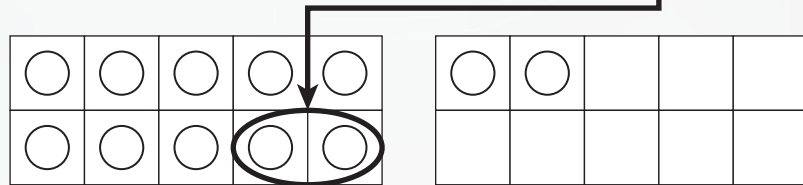
Example: Find $8 + 4$.

You can use counters to make a ten.

- Start with 8 counters and 4 counters.



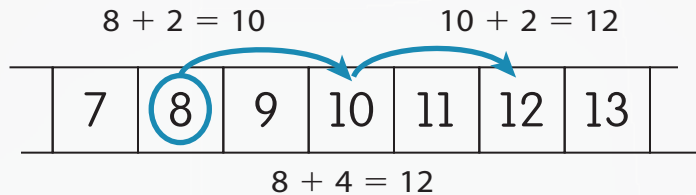
- Take 2 counters from 4 to make 10.



- $10 + 2 = 12$

$10 \quad + \quad 2$

Or you can make a ten on a number path.



Invite your child to share what he or she knows about making a ten to add by doing the following activity together.





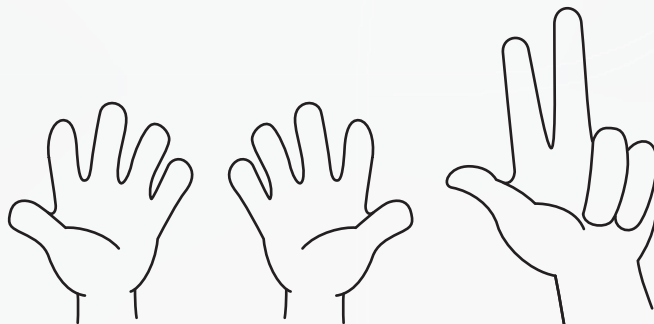
Making a Ten to Add Activity

Help your child use fingers and the make a ten strategy to solve the problems below.

For example, ask your child to find the sum of $7 + 6$.

- Have your child begin by holding up 7 fingers.
- Then he or she holds up other fingers one at a time—counting 1, 2, 3—until all 10 fingers are up.
- Your child has already added 3 to make a ten. He or she needs to add 3 more to add a total of 6. Your child asks you to show 3 more with your fingers.
- Your child's 10 fingers and your 3 fingers make a total of 13.
So, $7 + 6 = 13$.

Make a ten to find $7 + 6$.



$$7 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$9 + 8 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$9 + 7 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$8 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$8 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$7 + 7 = \underline{\quad}$$

