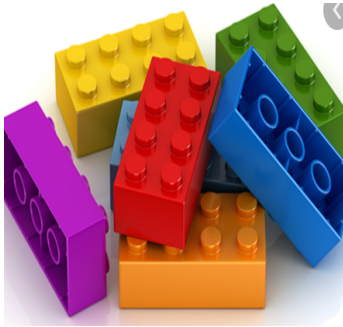


Have fun with Subtraction!

Hands-on activities and lots of practice will help your child to understand this concept



What's Behind my Back?

Ask your child to find 5 small cars or 5 pieces of Lego. Then ask your child to close their eyes and put some of the objects behind your back.

Say "What's behind my back?" Your child will have to use their counting skills to figure out how many objects are behind your back.



Ten Green Bottles!

We set up ten green bears!

Try and hit the bears/bottles with a water gun.

Sing the song and take one bear or bottle away!



Sing Nursery Rhymes based on Subtraction

5 Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed, one fell off and bumped his head, Mama called the doctor and the doctor said "No more Monkeys jumping on the bed"

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed...

Number Stories/Word Problems

Use family members to help create simple word problems. "Dylan had 10 sweets, he gave 3 to Grace, how many did he have left? "



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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |

Number Cards and Number Stories

Ask your child to make number cards 1-20 and symbol cards for plus, minus and equals.

They can now make different number stories and use their number cards to show $15 - 7$

Use concrete materials to work out the answer to the sums.



Playing and Learning!

How many more than?

Mammy has 7 cars, Dylan has 3 cars, how many more cars does Mammy have?



Beat the clock

Write a selection of number sentences (addition and subtraction) on a piece of paper. Challenge your child to work out the answers in a certain amount of time.

This game reinforces working out the answers mentally and paying attention to the signs.



Active Learning

Give them lots of practice at physically removing objects from a set of objects to see how many are left.

- How many did you start with?
- How many did you take away?
- How many have you left?