

Estimation

Sometimes it's easy to look at a group of objects and estimate (guess) how many there are.

Other times it's harder to guess because of the way they are grouped. When this happens we have to estimate, 'make a sensible guess'.

Get a bag of pasta shells out of the cupboard, or something else you have a lot of in the house. Put a small amount on the table and see if your child can make a guess. Get them to close their eyes while you add more or take some away. Can they tell if it is more or less? When they know whether it was more or less, can they make a 'sensible guess' at how many objects are in the group.

Good guessing!

