

Maths Mastery Home Learning Challenge

Adult Guidance

What Are We Learning?

We are learning to use the words 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects.

How to Set up the Challenge

- Gather a collection of about 15 to 20 small items, such as conkers, small building bricks, pom-poms, beads, buttons or coins.
- Place the collection of items inside a small bag or box.
- Handy hint - we have been learning to use the word 'fewer' to describe a smaller number of countable objects, such as coins, buttons, people or pencils. 'Less' would be used to describe smaller amount of something that cannot be individually counted, such as money, water or time.

How to Get Your Child Thinking

- Try asking questions, such as:
 - Who has more? Who has fewer?
 - What can you tell me about the number of objects?
 - I think I have more than you - how could we check?
 - What makes you think you collected more?
 - Who do you think collected more objects?
 - Who collected fewer objects?
- Have a go at taking handfuls of different sizes. For example, sometimes take a big handful of items and the next time only take a small handful of items.



Collect and Compare



- Help your grown-up to make a collection of small items and place them inside a small bag or box. You could use buttons, coins, conkers or small items such as building bricks.
- Take it in turns to take a handful of items.
- Show your handful of items to each other.
- Who has more? Who has fewer?
- Put the items back in the bag and try again!