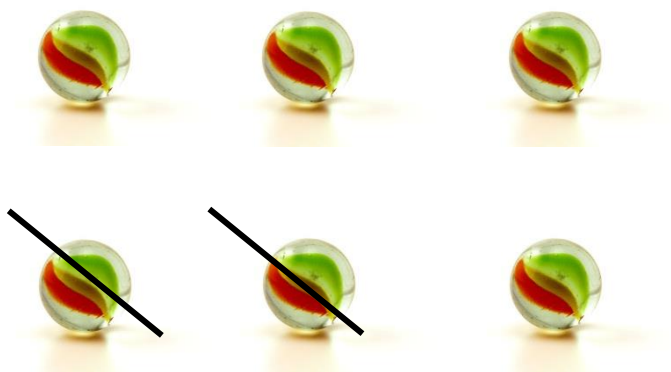


Addition and subtraction using concrete objects

Using concrete objects is the first stage of addition and subtractions as the children need to be able to physically add or take from a collection of items. Many items found at home can do this. Children's toys can be used, counters, marbles or even items such as pasta twirls.

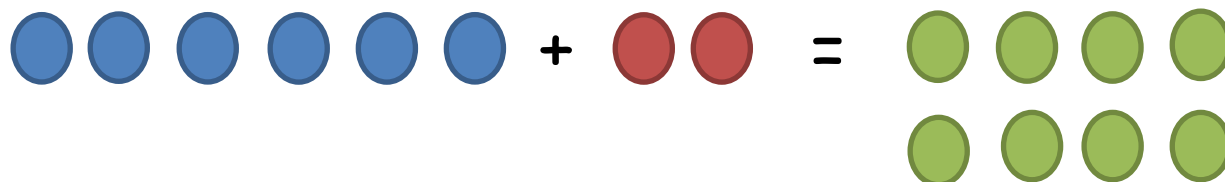


Ask your child to count out an amount of something you have at home. Ensure the correct amount is there. Then ask them to add/subtract a different amount.

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

If possible write out the calculation as shown above as this will help children to see what number sentences should look like.

Once children become confident adding and subtracting using concrete items, encourage them to draw pictures and then add to their picture or subtract from it. Drawing spots on a page is a great way to move from concrete to pictorial.



$$6 + 2 = 8$$