

Developing Number Sense AT HOME

Here are 5 simple ways to seamlessly integrate number sense activities while driving in the car, cutting vegetables, waiting in the dentist's office...

1 What's the Question?

Give your kids the answer and have them come up with the problem.

For Example:

*The answer is seven.
What's the question?*

Sample Answer:

*I had ten grapes
and then I ate three.
How many grapes are left?*

2 Who Am I?

Not only are these perfect for mental math practice but they're a great way to reinforce math vocabulary. **Sample:**

**I am an even number greater than ten but less than twenty.
The sum of digits is nine. Who Am I?**

3 Which Number Does Not Belong?

This is a pre-algebra activity where kids sort and classify numbers into categories. **Example:**

*Which number does not belong:
4, 12, 17, 8, 20?*

*The number '17' does not belong
because it is an odd number
(or... 17 is not a multiple of 2).*

4 Which Has More?

A great mental math activity that gets kids to compare several quantities at the same time. **Example:**

Which has more, the number of wheels on two cars or the number of eggs in a dozen?

5 And the Answer is ...

For this activity, kids need to compute a series of quantities in their head. **Example:**

Start with the number of days in a week. Subtract the number of wheels on a tricycle. Double that number. And the answer is ...

