

**St Andrew's Church of  
England Primary School  
Progression in Calculation**



*Mathematics is an interconnected subject in which pupils need to be able to move fluently between representations of mathematical ideas. The programmes of study are, by necessity, organised into apparently distinct domains, but pupils should make rich connections across mathematical ideas to develop fluency, mathematical reasoning and competence in solving increasingly sophisticated problems. They should also apply their mathematical knowledge to science and other subjects.*

**National Curriculum 2014**

# Aims

The national curriculum for mathematics aims to ensure that all pupils:

- become **fluent** in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.
- **reason mathematically** by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language
- can **solve problems** by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems with increasing sophistication, including breaking down problems into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking solutions.

# Introduction

A sound understanding of the number system is essential for children to carry out calculations efficiently and accurately.

Written methods of calculations are based on mental strategies. Each of the four operations builds on mental skills which provide the foundation for jottings and informal written methods of recording. Skills need to be taught, practised and reviewed constantly.

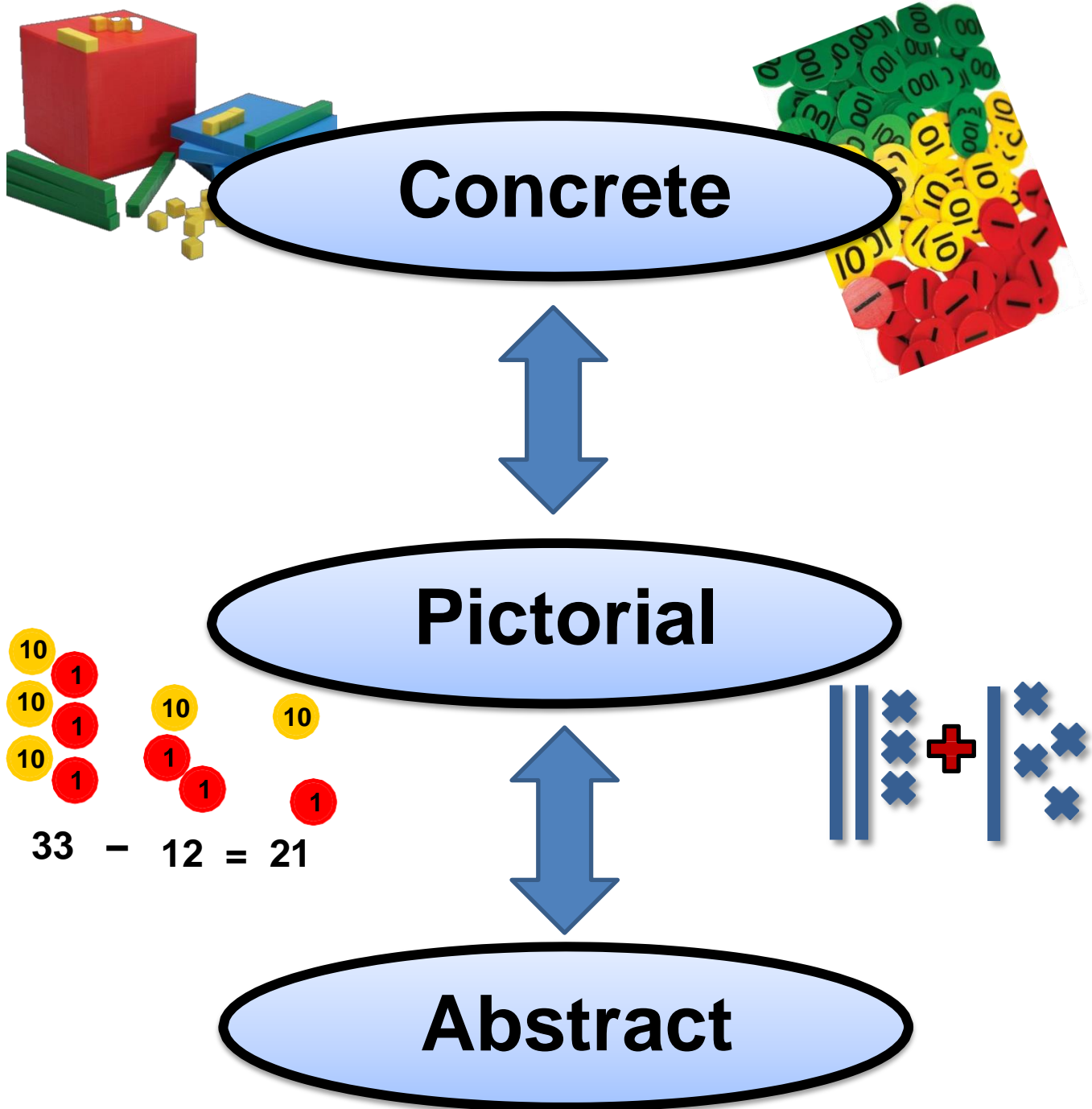
Strategies for calculation need to be represented by models and images to support, develop and secure understanding.

When teaching a new strategy it is important to start with numbers that the pupil can easily manipulate so that they can understand the methodology.

The transition between stages should not be hurried as not all children will be ready to move on to the next stage at the same time, therefore the progression in this document is outlined in stages. Previous stages may need to be revisited to consolidate understanding when introducing a new strategy.

The quality and variety of mathematical vocabulary pupils hear and speak are key factors in developing their mathematical justification, argument and proof. They must be assisted in making their thinking clear to themselves as well as others. Teachers should ensure that pupils build secure foundations by using discussion to probe and remedy their misconceptions.

# Structuring Learning



$$15 + 7 = 22$$

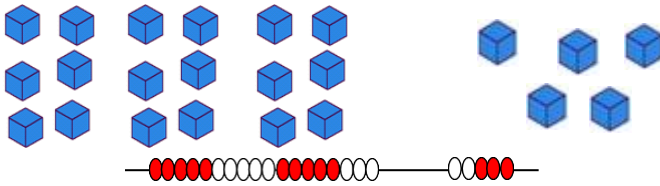
$$24 - 8 = 16$$

# Facilitating Learning

## Concrete

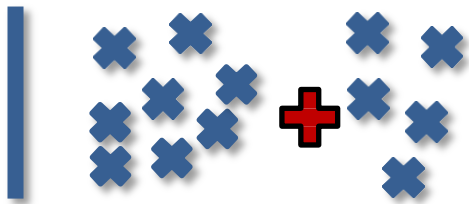
Pupils should have access to a range of suitable manipulatives so that they can explore concepts in ways that make sense to them.

e.g.  $18+5$



## Pictorial

Pupils should explore how they can record their concrete representations in a way that they understand.



## Abstract

Pupils use their own written or mental strategies that do not rely upon a visual representation.

It is important for children to see calculations written in different ways. They must understand that '=' is 'equal to' and can appear in different places in a number sentence.

$$18 + 5 = 23$$

$$18 + 5 = 10 + 13$$

$$7 + 9 = [ \quad ]$$

$$7 + 2 = [ \quad ] - 7$$

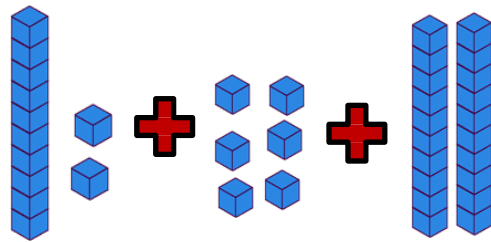
$$7 = [ \quad ] - 9$$

# Structures of Addition

## Aggregation

Combine two or more sets  
Total

“How many/much altogether?”

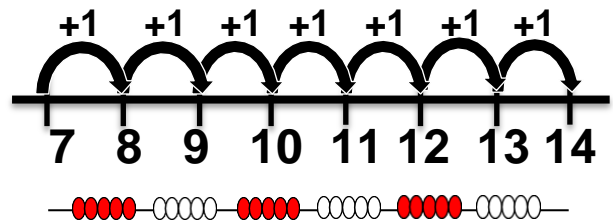


## Augmentation

Increasing

Go up by

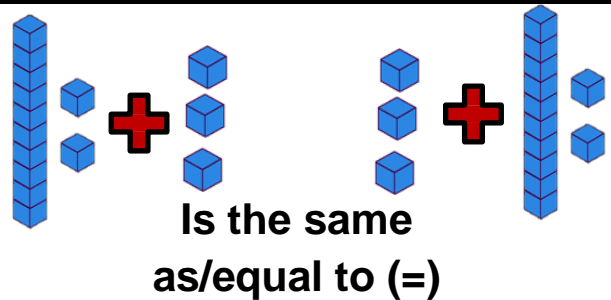
“Start at \_\_\_ and count on”



## Commutative

Understanding addition can be  
done in any order

“Start with the bigger number  
when counting on”



# Addition

## Stage 1

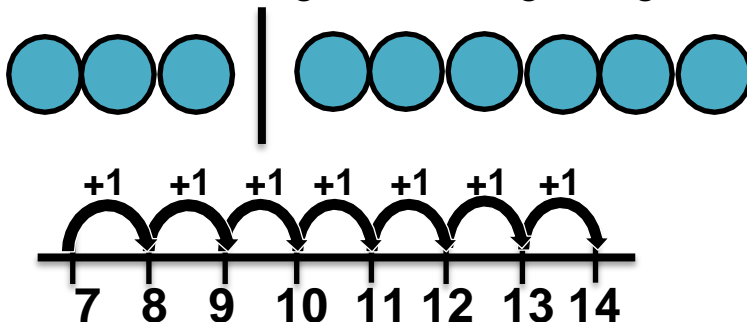
Pupils must experience combining two, then more, groups of objects using counting on.

### Concrete

- Using concrete apparatus to first **count all** and then by **counting on** from the largest number.

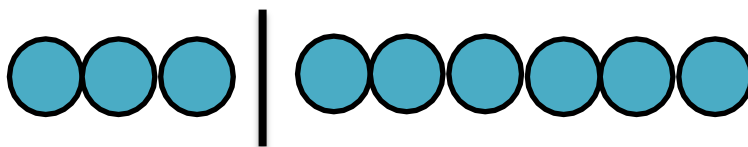
### Pictorial

- Record building visual images e.g.



### Abstract

- Progressing to recording number sentences alongside e.g.



3 and 6

$$3 + 6$$



## Stage 2

Pupils should be able to partition numbers in different ways e.g.

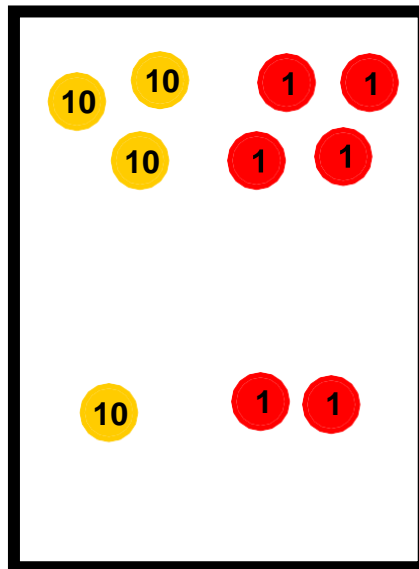
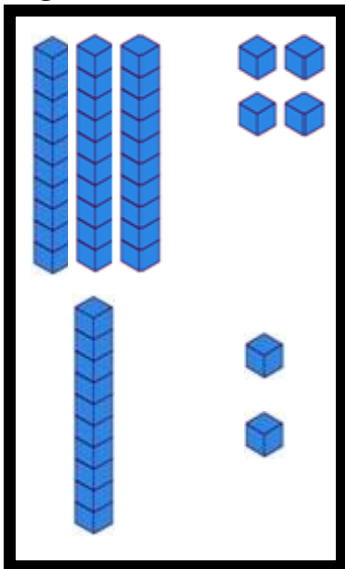
**5 as  $2 + 2 + 1$  or  $4 + 1$**

**27 as  $20 + 7$  or  $10 + 17$**

### Concrete

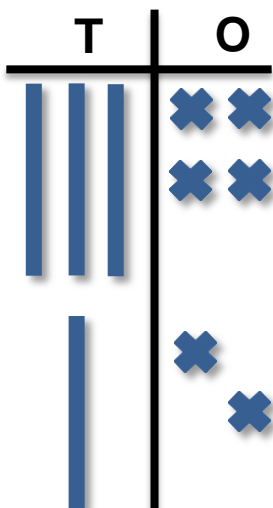
Using equipment to actively demonstrate partitioning e.g.

$$34 + 12 =$$



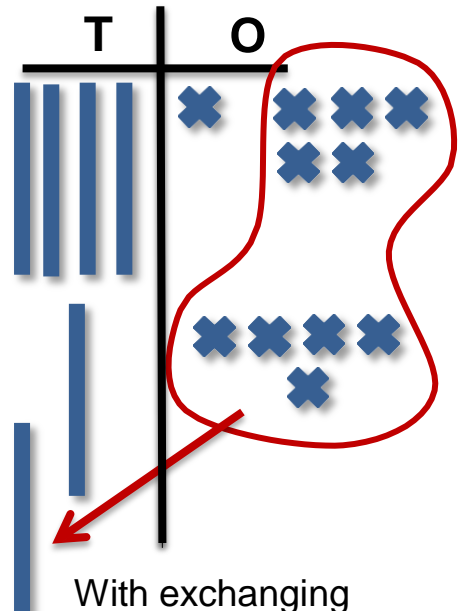
### Pictorial

$$34 + 12 =$$



Without exchanging

$$46 + 15 =$$



With exchanging

## Abstract

$$44 + 15 = 59$$

40 4 10 5

$$40 + 10 = 50$$

$$4 + 5 = 9$$

$$50 + 9 = 59$$

Without  
exchanging

$$27 + 16 = 43$$

20 | 7  
30 | 13  
10 | 6

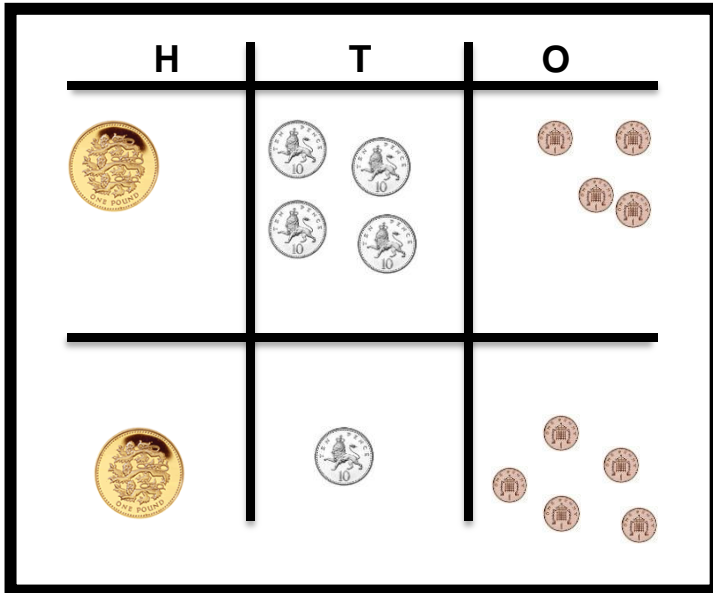
$$30 + 13$$

With exchanging

# Stage 3

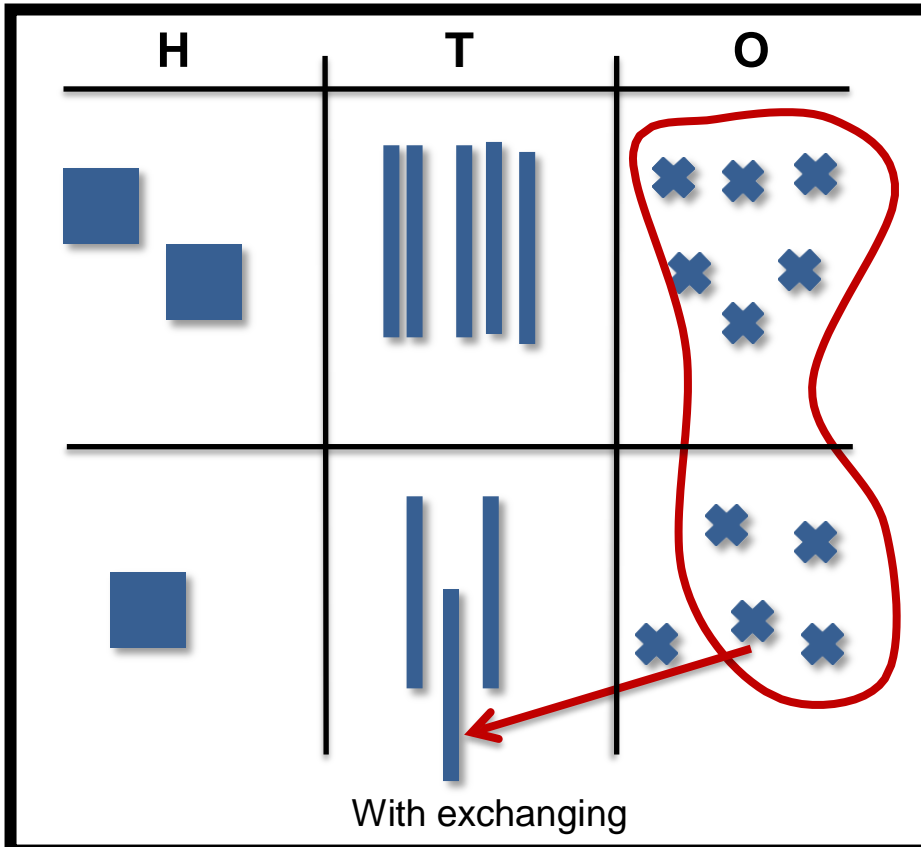
## Concrete

$$144 + 115 =$$



## Pictorial

$$256 + 125 =$$

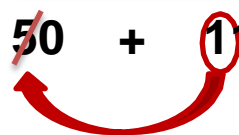


## Abstract

Expanded column method

H		T		O
100	+	40	+	4
100	+	10	+	5
200	+	50	+	9
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				= 259

Without exchanging

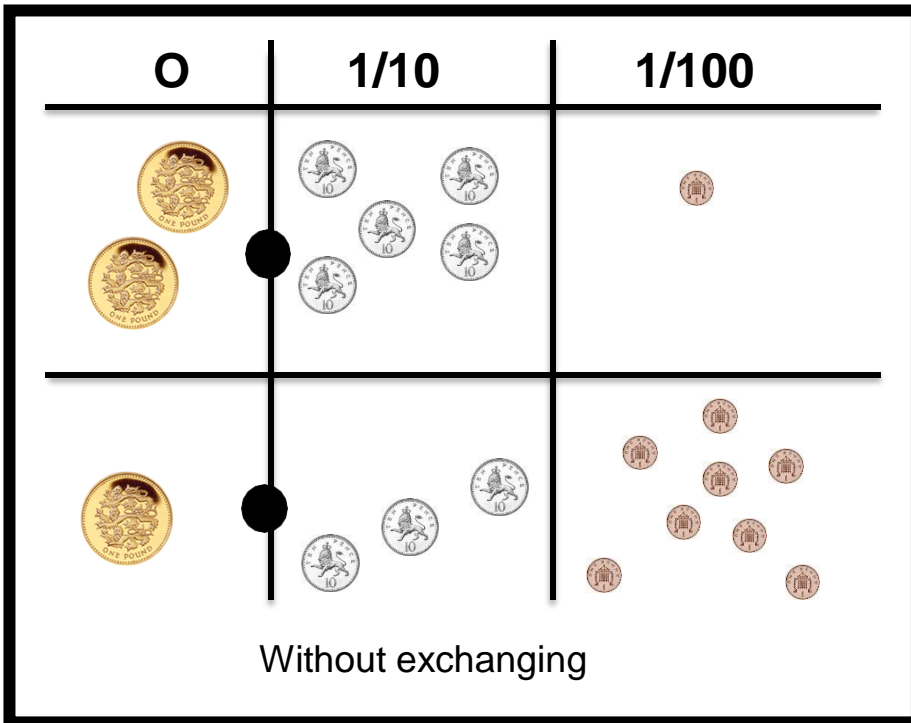
T		O
40	+	6
10	+	5
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<del>50</del>	+	11
		
60	+	1
= 61		

With exchanging

# Stage 4

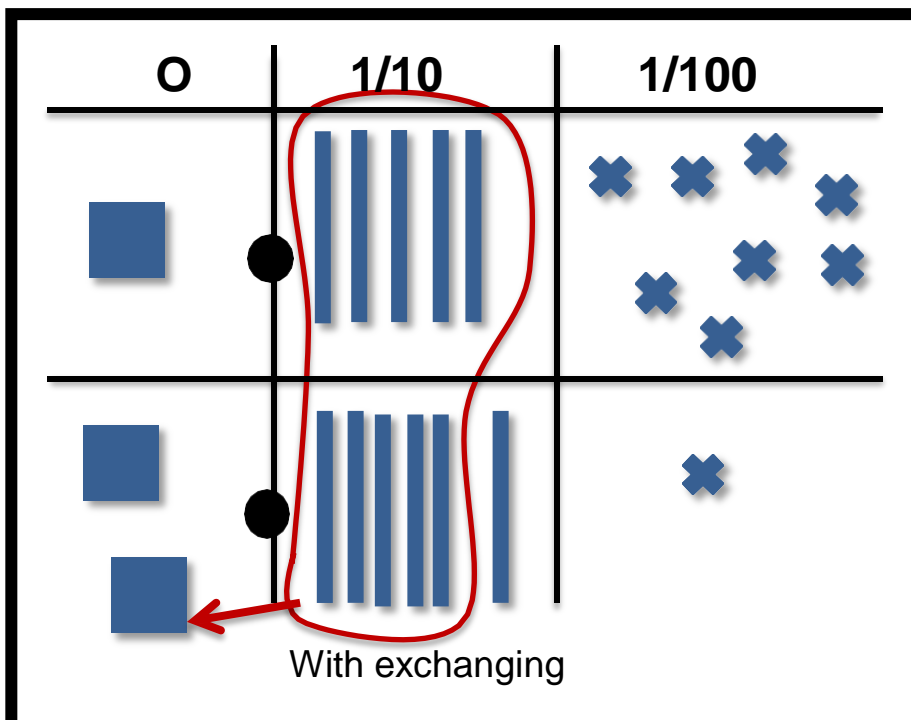
## Concrete

$$2.51 + 1.38 =$$



## Pictorial

$$1.58 + 1.61 =$$



## Abstract

Compact column method

$$\begin{array}{r} 144 \\ + \\ 115 \\ \hline 259 \end{array}$$

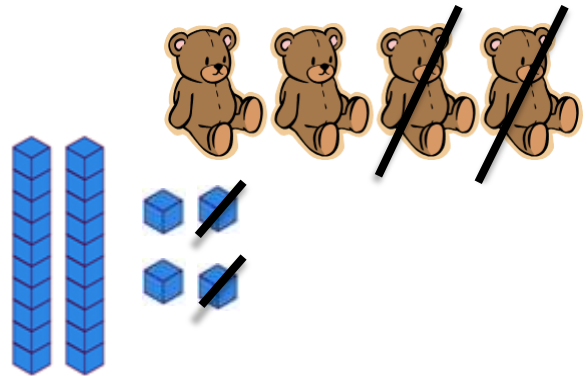
Without  
exchanging

$$\begin{array}{r} 569 \\ + \\ 752 \\ \hline 1321 \\ 1\ 1 \\ \text{With} \\ \text{exchanging} \end{array}$$

# Structures of Subtraction

## Partitioning

Take away



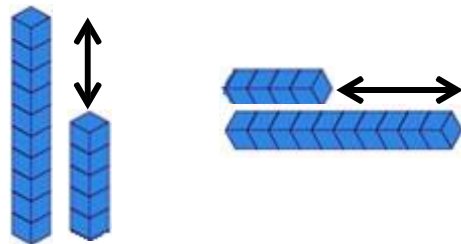
## Inverse Addition

How many more are needed?



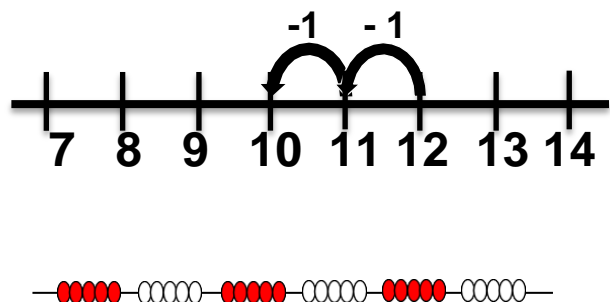
## Comparison

What is the difference?



## Reduction

Count back



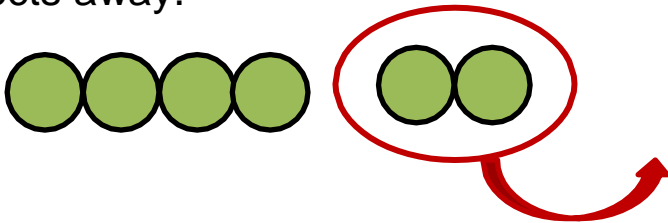
# Subtraction

## Stage 1

Pupils must experience finding out how many are left.

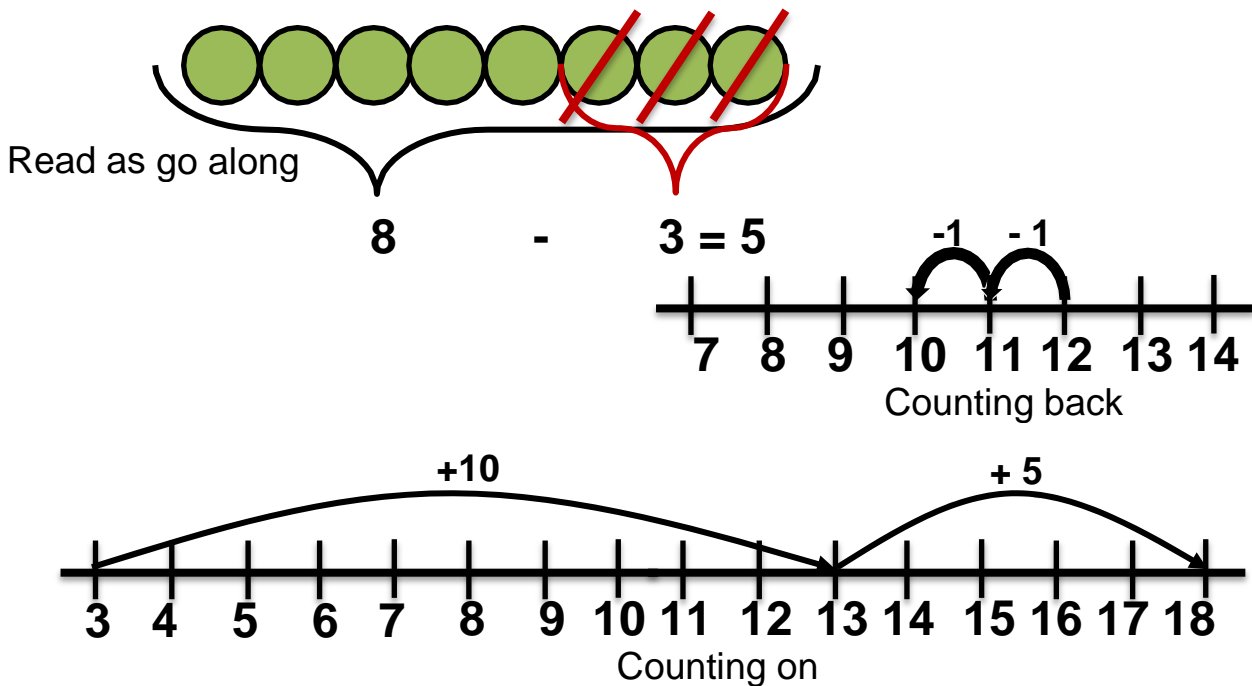
### Concrete

Pupils should begin to use apparatus to actively take a number of objects away.



### Pictorial

Pupils should be beginning to record building visual images e.g.



### Abstract

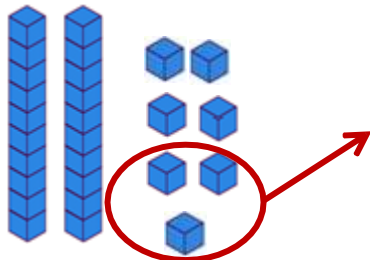
$$18 - 3 = 15$$



## Stage 2

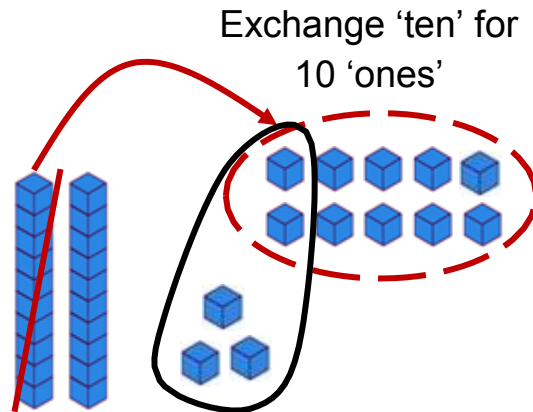
Pupils should begin to exchange numbers.

### Concrete



$$27 - 3 =$$

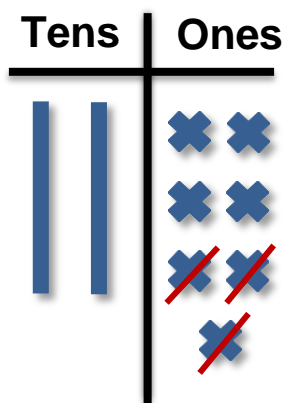
Without exchanging



$$23 - 5 =$$

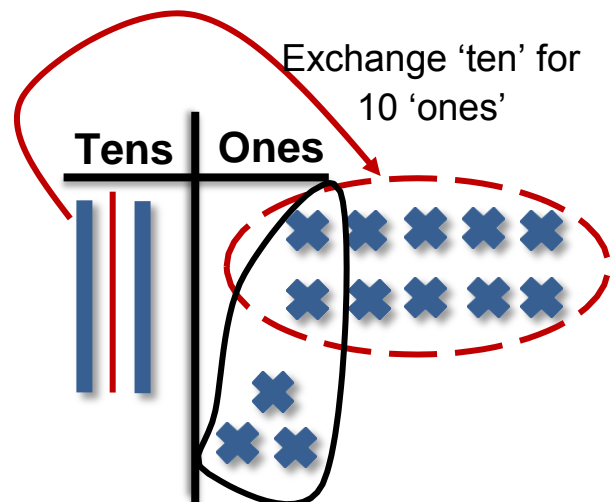
With exchanging

### Pictorial



$$27 - 3 =$$

Without exchanging



$$23 - 5 =$$

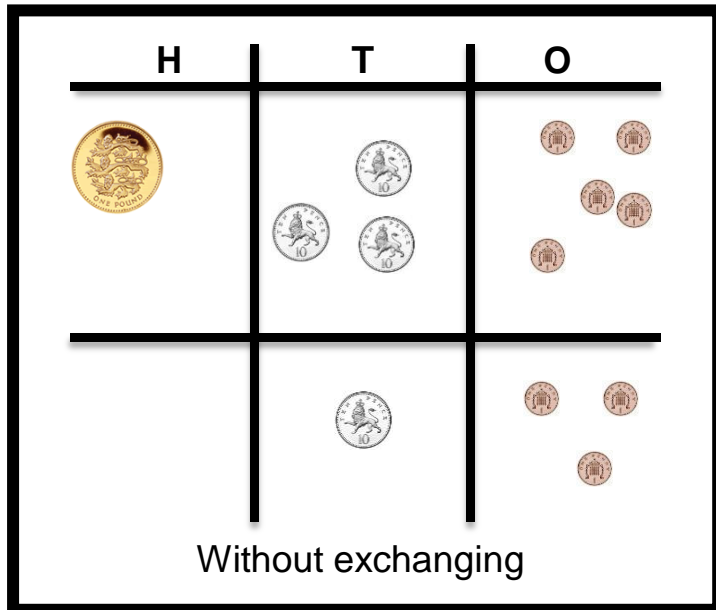
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## Stage 3

Pupils record calculations as expanded column subtraction using partitioning.

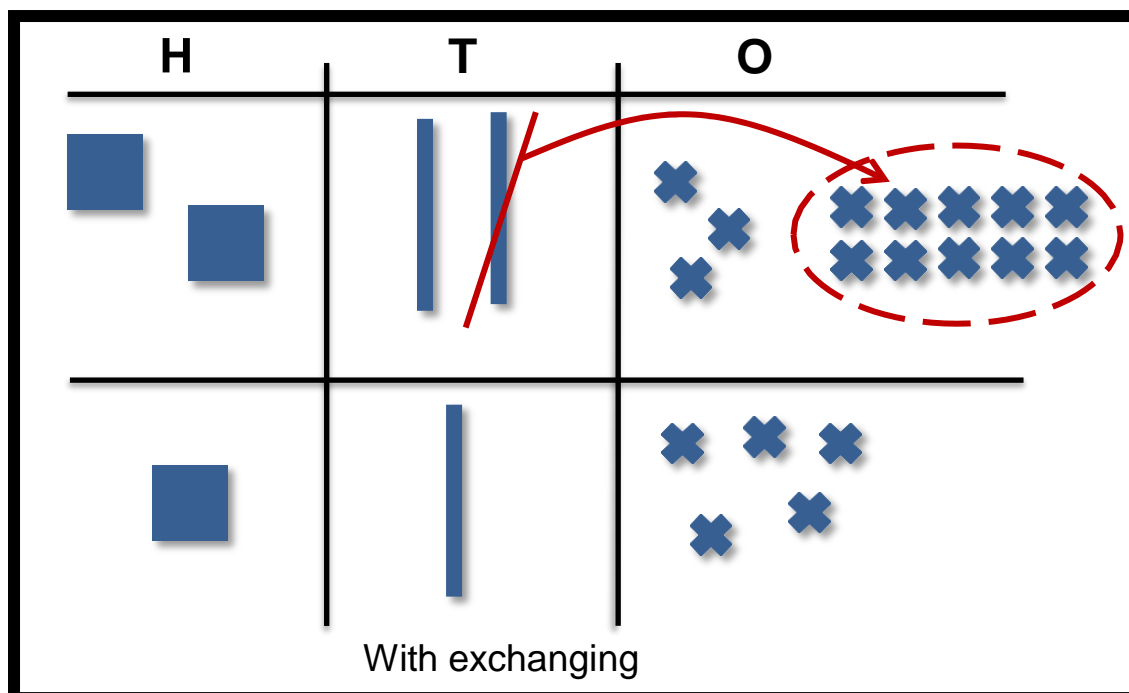
### Concrete

$$135 - 13 =$$



### Pictorial

$$223 - 115 =$$



## Abstract

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T} \quad \text{O} \\ 70 \quad 4 \\ - \\ 20 \quad 1 \\ \hline 50 \quad 3 \end{array} = 53$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{H} \quad \text{T} \quad \text{O} \\ 100 \quad 40 \quad 7 \\ - \\ 100 \quad 30 \quad 2 \\ \hline 0 \quad 10 \quad 5 \end{array} = 15$$

Without exchanging

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T} \quad \text{O} \\ \del{40} \quad \del{50} \quad 1 \quad 2 \\ - \\ 10 \quad 7 \\ \hline 30 \quad 5 \end{array} = 35$$

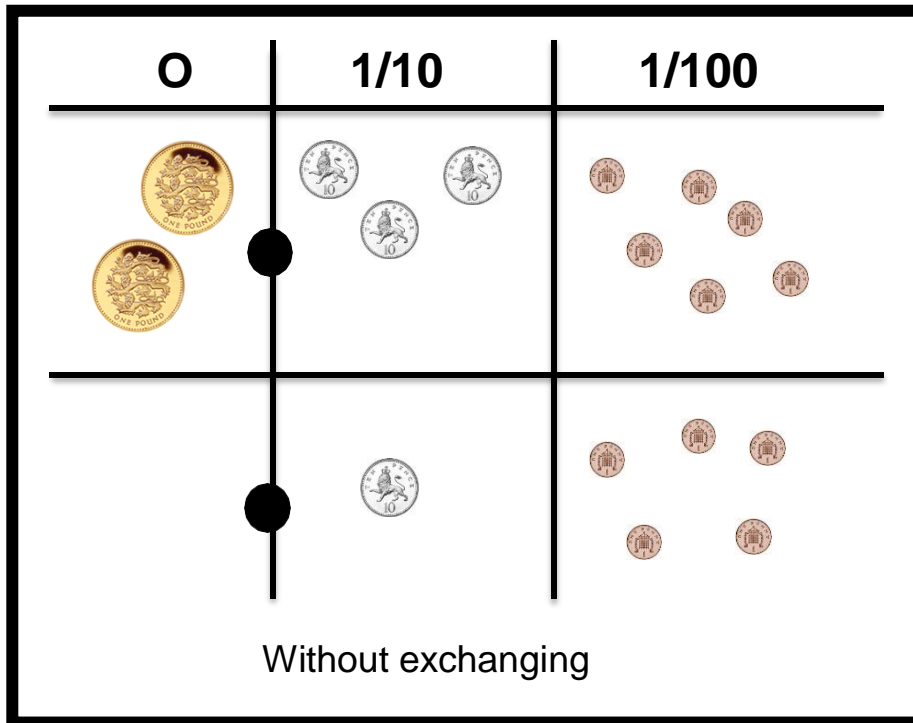
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{H} \quad \text{T} \quad \text{O} \\ \del{400} \quad \del{500} \quad 1 \quad 10 \quad 1 \quad 1 \\ - \\ 100 \quad 50 \quad 8 \\ \hline 300 \quad 60 \quad 3 \end{array} = 363$$

With exchanging

# Stage 4

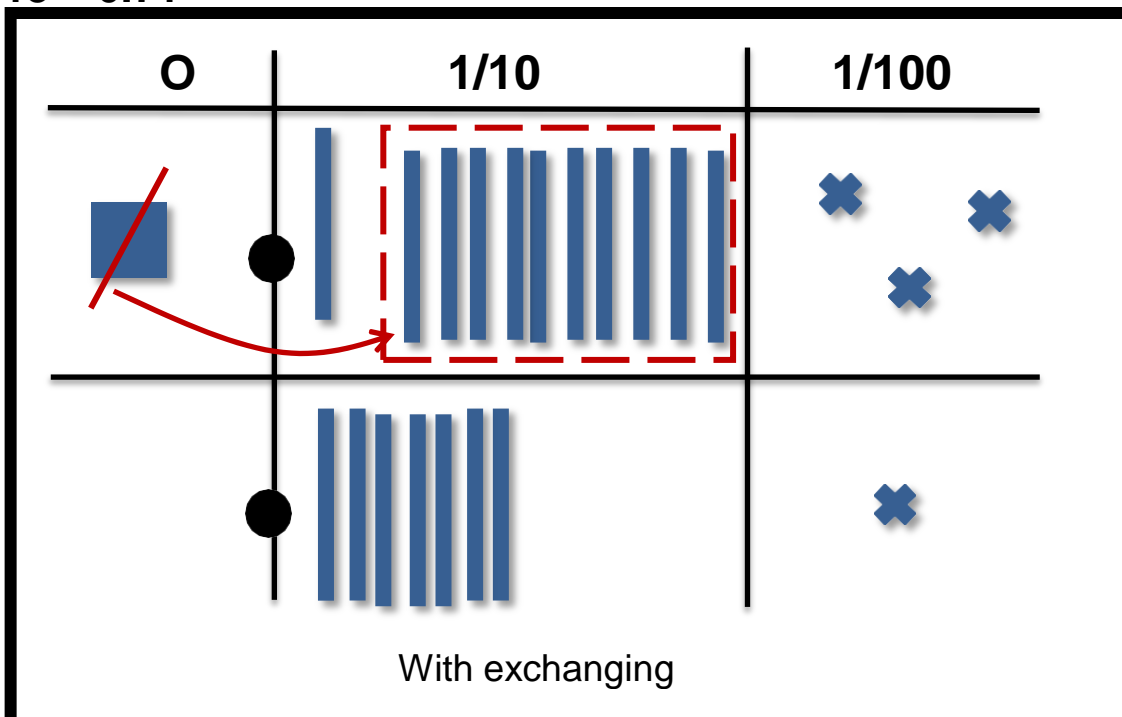
## Concrete

$$2.36 - 0.15 =$$



## Pictorial

$$1.13 - 0.71 =$$



## Abstract

$$\begin{array}{r} 1358 \\ - 146 \\ \hline 1212 \end{array}$$

Without exchanging

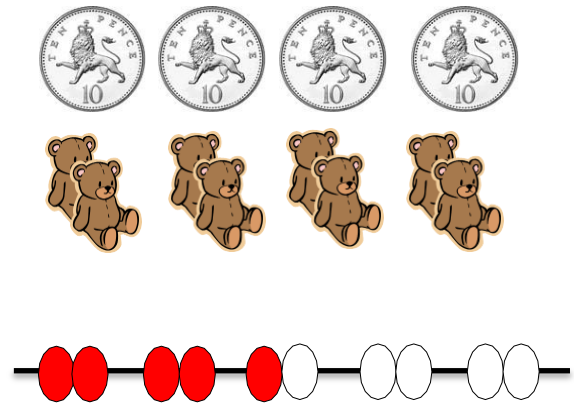
$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{1} \\ 601 \\ \cancel{71}26 \\ - 3134 \\ \hline 3992 \end{array}$$

With exchanging

# Structures of Multiplication

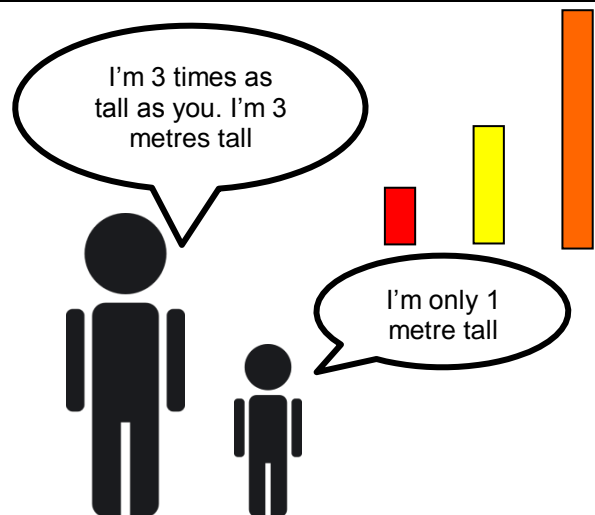
## Repeated Addition

How many lots (sets)



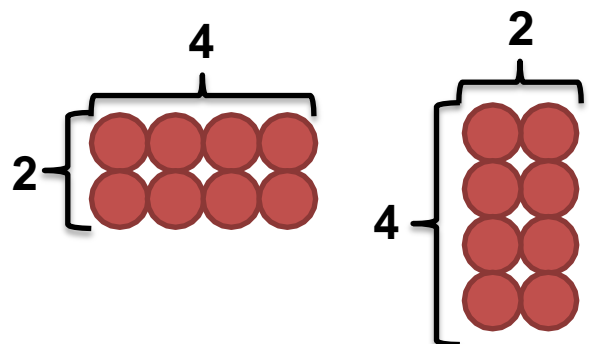
## Scaling

Scale factor  
Doubling, trebling  
How many times



## Commutative Law

Scale factor  
Doubling, trebling  
How many times



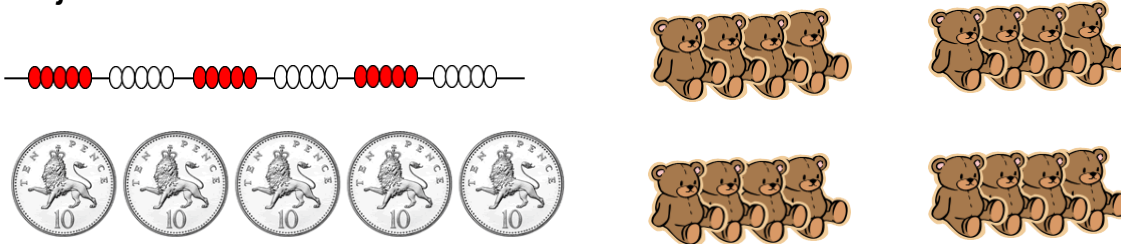
**2 x 4 is the same  
as/equal to 4 x 2**

# Stage 1

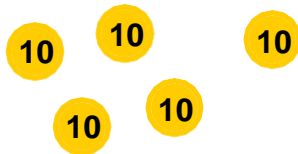
Pupils should recognise how grouping similar objects can support calculations.

## Concrete

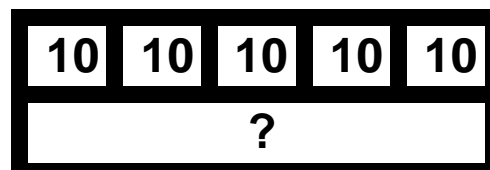
Pupils being using manipulatives to represent groups or 'lots of' objects.



## Pictorial



$$5 \times 10 =$$



$$5 \times 10 =$$

## Abstract

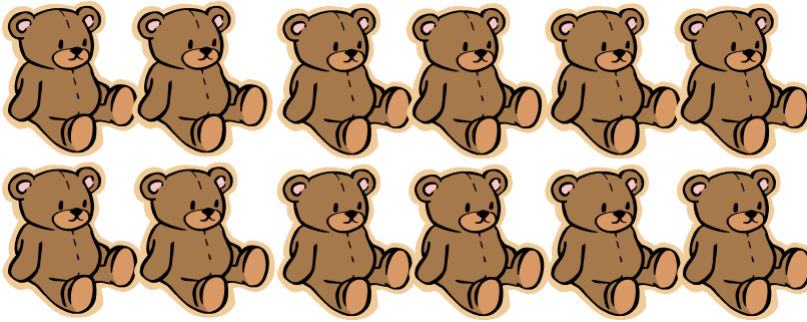
$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$$

$$2 \times 4 = 8$$

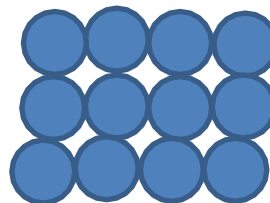
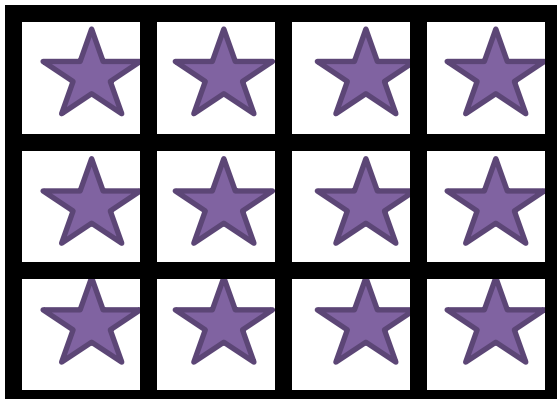
## Stage 2

Pupils should recognise how to represent repeated addition problems using arrays.

### Concrete



### Pictorial



### Abstract

3 groups of 4

$$3 \times 4$$

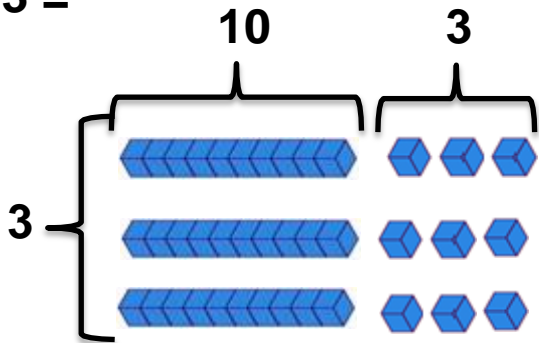


## Stage 3

Pupils should establish their own understanding of how arrays can develop into the grid method for multiplication.

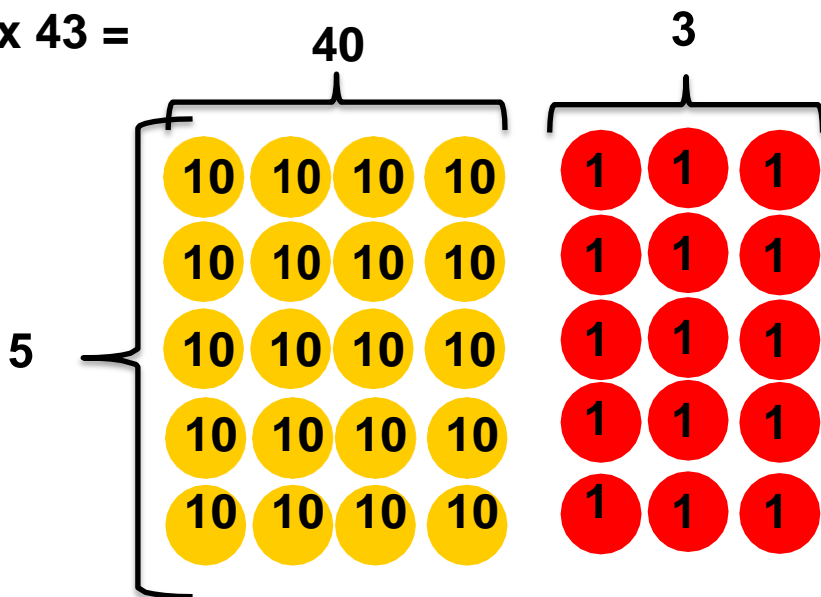
### Concrete

$3 \times 13 =$



### Pictorial

$5 \times 43 =$



### Abstract

x	10	5
5	50	25

$15 \times 5 = 50 + 25 = 75$

x	100	70	5
60	6000	4200	300
3	300	210	15

$175 \times 63 = 11025$

## Stage 4

Pupils should establish their own understanding of how the grid method can be converted into formal short and long multiplication written methods.

Short multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r} 2741 \times 6 \\ 2741 \\ \times \quad 6 \\ \hline 16446 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Long multiplication

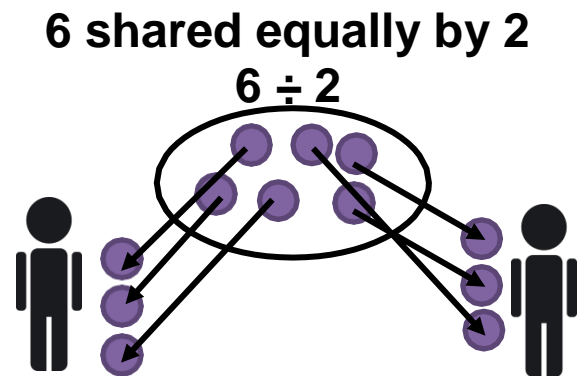
$$\begin{array}{r} 3124 \times 26 \\ 3124 \\ \times \quad 26 \\ \hline 18744 \\ 62480 \\ \hline 81224 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Structures of Division

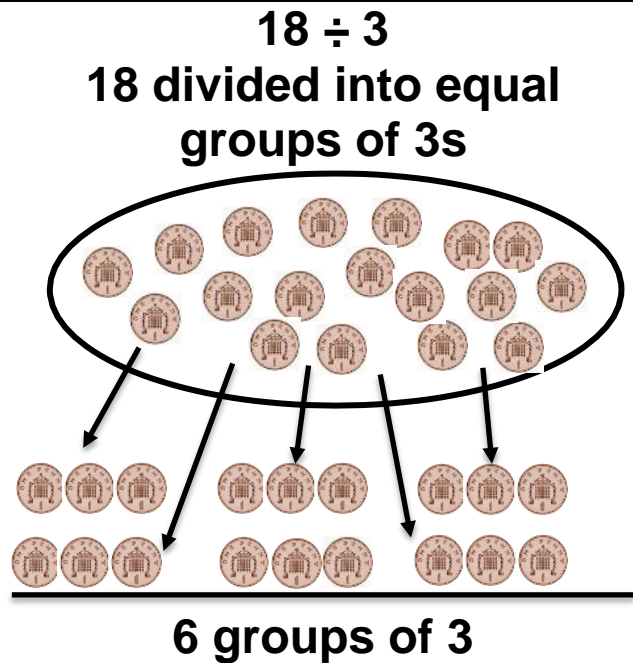
## Equal Sharing

How many each  
Share equally between



## Inverse Multiplication

How many lots of  
Share equally into groups



## Ratio

Comparison  
Inverse  
Scale factor

*Philip bought four times as much bread as Fred. If Philip bought 12 loaves how many does Fred have?*

*Anna's trip to the seaside is three times as long as Ella's. If Anna took 3 hours how long does it take Ella?*


# Stage 1

Grouping and Sharing

## Concrete

Sharing


6 shared equally by  
2



Each group as 3

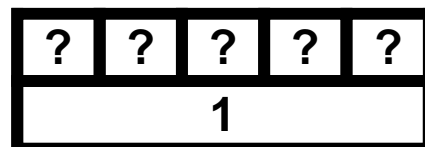
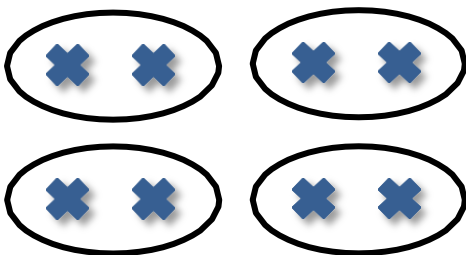
Grouping

12 split into equal  
groups of 3



There are 4 groups

## Pictorial



## Abstract

6 shared between 3

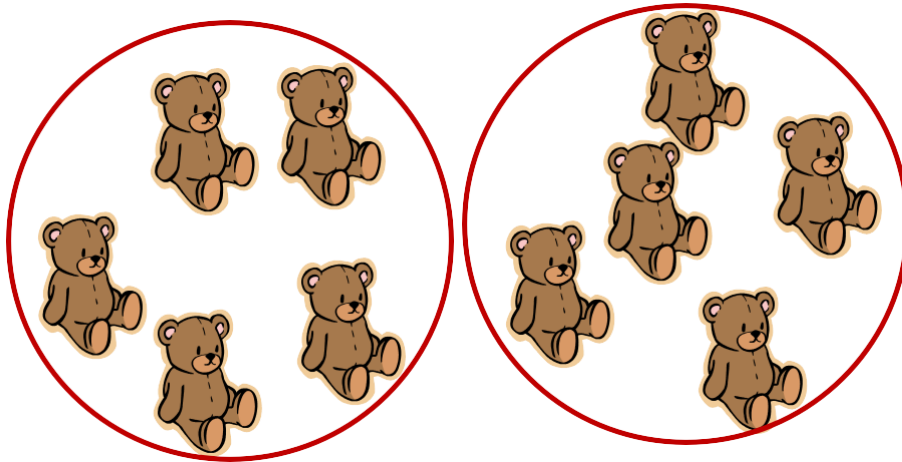
8 divided into 4 equal groups

## Stage 2

Pupils should be using repeated subtraction and addition with links to arrays and number lines.

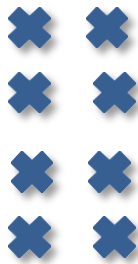
### Concrete

10 divided by 5

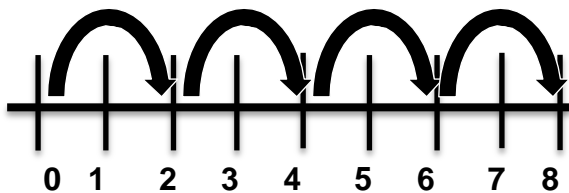


### Pictorial

8 divided by 2



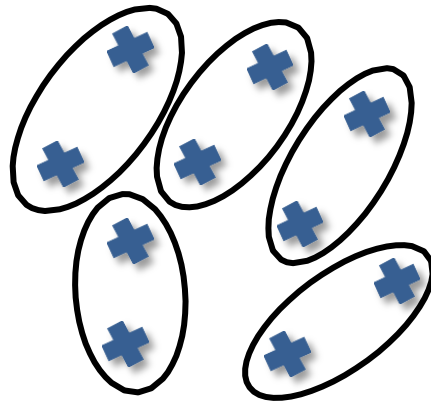
"Keep adding in 2s up to 8"



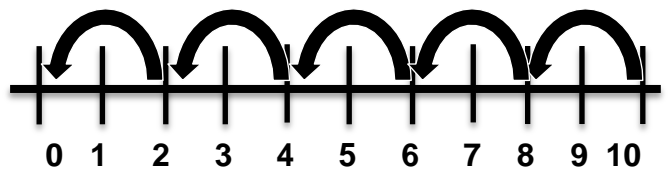
### Abstract

$$6 \div 3$$

10 divided by 2



"Take away 2 each time"

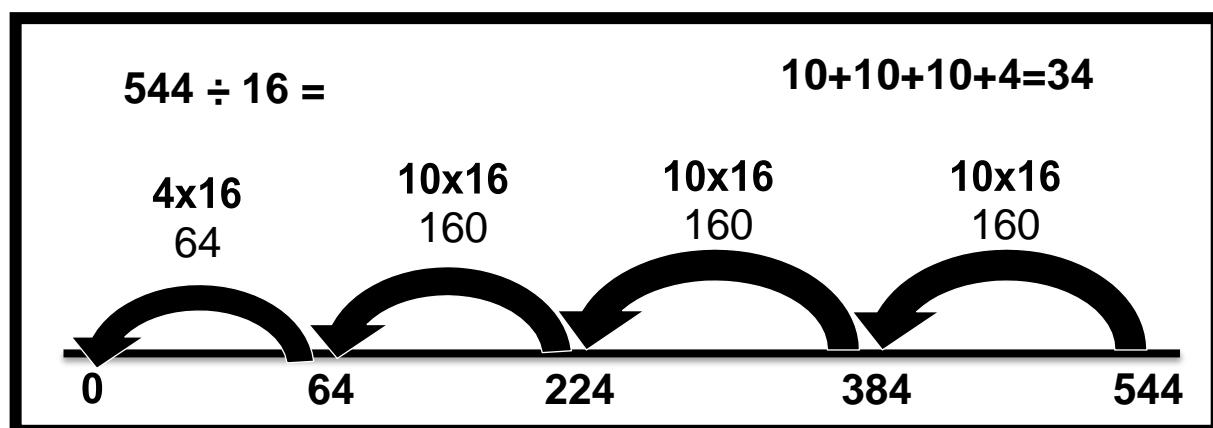
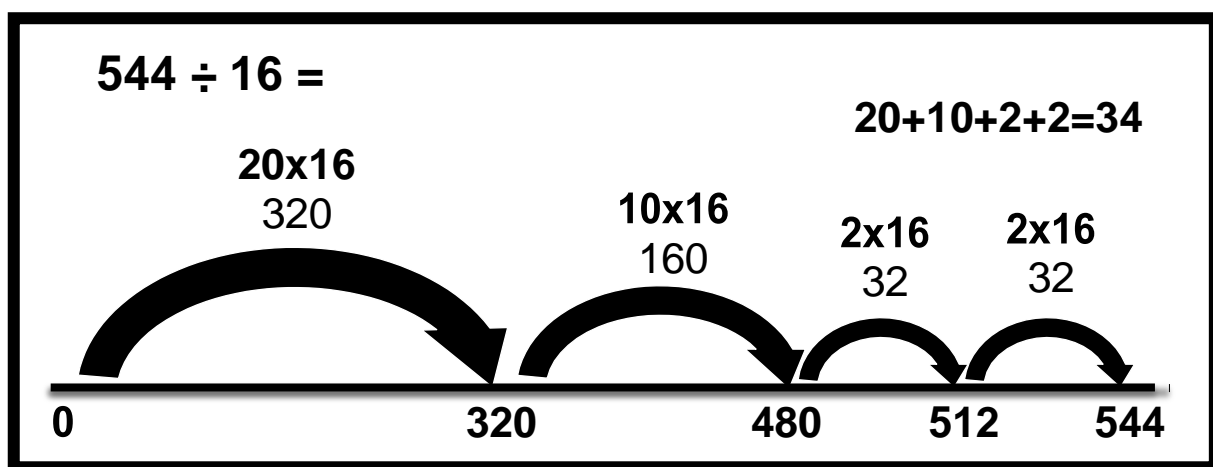


Pupils should be very secure in their understanding of the concept of division, including remainders, before moving onto the stage 3.

## Stage 3

Chunking – using known number facts to support division.

### Pictorial



## Abstract







$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 16 \overline{) 544} \\ \underline{- 320} \quad (20 \times 16) \\ 224 \\ \underline{- 160} \quad (10 \times 16) \\ 64 \\ \underline{- 32} \quad (2 \times 16) \\ 32 \\ \underline{- 32} \quad (2 \times 16) \\ \underline{0} \end{array}$$

## Stage 4

Short and long methods for division, including remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, and by rounding, as appropriate for the context.













### Concrete

$$264 \div 2 =$$

H	T	O
		
		

### Pictorial

$$363 \div 3 =$$

H	T	O
	 	
	 	
	 	



## Abstract

Short Division

$$\begin{array}{r} 140 \\ 4 \overline{) 560} \end{array}$$

Long Division

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \text{ r } 8 \\ 24 \overline{) 560} \\ \underline{- 48} \phantom{0} \\ 80 \\ \underline{- 72} \\ 8 \end{array}$$