

# What to do

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –  
Please check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

## 1. Counting practice

- Take a cup and some coins. These must be identical but it doesn't matter what denomination they are. You need about ten.
- Ask your child to sit facing away from you and the cup.
- One at a time, drop coins into the cup.
- The child has to listen and count.
- When you stop, they must tell you how many coins are in the cup. (This is harder than it sounds!)
- Repeat several times. Can they be correct three times in a row?

### Extension

- Drop coins into the cup as they count, eyes shut! Then, without showing them how many in the cup, show them that you are taking one out.
- How many now?

## 2. Working together

- Play *Finger Sums*
  - You need three number cards: 6, 7 and 8
  - Make these numbers using fingers on both hands as shown on *Finger Sums* below.

## Try these Fun-Time Extras

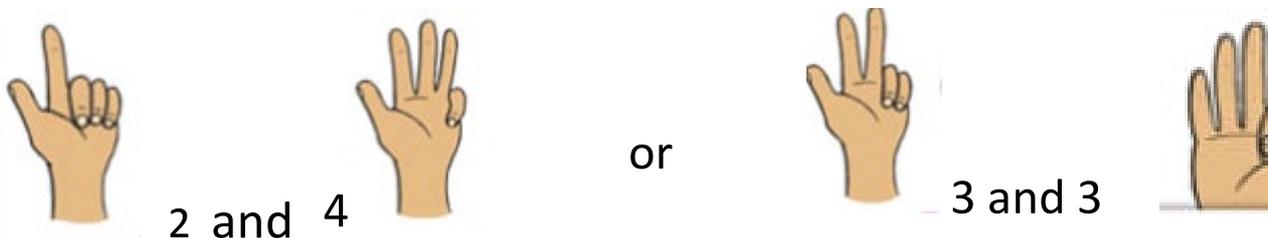
- Search for examples of 6 around your home. E.g. 6 eggs in a box, number 6 on the clock face, 6 mugs on the draining board... etc.
- Look for 7s. Are these harder to find?
- Make 7 fingers of toast and eat them with honey!

## Finger sums

You need number cards 6, 7 and 8, felt tips and paper

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- Place the **6** card in the middle of the table.
- Ask the child to show you 6 fingers standing up and the rest folded down.
- Look at how the fingers are distributed across their two hands. E.g.



- Together say the addition – two and four make six
- Record this on paper:  $2 + 4 = 6$
- Fold down two fingers and say the subtraction: 6 take away 3 leaves 3
- Record this:  $6 - 2 = 4$
- Ask the child to show a different arrangement of six fingers. E.g. 3 and 3
- Say this together and record it.  $3 + 3 = 6$
- Fold down 3 fingers and say the subtraction:  $6 - 3 = 3$
- How many different ways can you do this for 6?

Repeat this starting with the 7 card.

How many ways do you think there will be of making 7 using fingers?

Challenge – how many ways of making 8? Predict first....