

Add, Take Away & Count

Represent everyday situations of adding, taking away and counting with materials. Join two groups to add, remove some to take away, then use counting or subitising to say how many.

Join the groups to add

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = \boxed{6}$$

Four and two more join — count or subitise to name the whole: six.

SPOTLIGHT Take some away to subtract

Start with six, take two away, then count how many are left.

$$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \times \times = \boxed{4}$$

Six take away two is four.

Act out a story

Use counters to show a real add or take-away situation.

Count on to add

Start at the bigger group and count on the smaller one.

Take away and count

Remove some counters, then count how many are left.