First Grade Unit Two
Developing Base Ten Number Sense
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OVERVIEW

Many of the skills and concepts in this unit are readdressed from Unit 1. Even though they are revisited, it is important to note that they are not necessarily presented in the same way as in Unit 1.

In this unit, students will:
• rote count forward to 120 by counting on from any number less than 120.
• represent the number of a quantity using numerals.
• locate 0-100 on a number line.
• use the strategies of counting on and counting back to understand number relationships.
• explore with the 99 chart to see patterns between numbers, such as, all of the numbers in a column on the hundreds chart have the same digit in the ones place, and all of the numbers in a row have the same digit in the tens place.
• read, write and represent a number of objects with a written numeral (number form or standard form).
• build an understanding of how the numbers in the counting sequence are related—each number is one more, ten more (or one less, ten less) than the number before (or after).
• work with categorical data by organizing, representing and interpreting data using charts and tables.
• pose questions with 3 possible responses and then work with the data that they collect.

All mathematical tasks and activities should be meaningful and interesting to students. Posing relevant questions, collecting data related to those questions, and analyzing the data creates a real world connection to counting. The meaning students attach to counting is the key conceptual idea on which all other number concepts are developed. Students begin thinking of counting as a string of words, but then they make a gradual transition to using counting as a tool for describing their world. They must construct the idea of counting using manipulatives and have opportunities to see numbers visually (dot cards, tens frames, number lines, 0-99 chart, hundreds charts, arithmetic rack- ex: small frame abacus and physical groups of tens and ones). To count successfully, students must remember the rote counting sequence, assign one counting number to each object counted, and at the same time have a strategy for keeping track of what has already been counted and what still needs to be counted. Only the counting sequence is a rote procedure. Most students can count forward in sequence. Counting on and counting back are difficult skills for many students. Students will develop successful and meaningful counting strategies as they practice counting and as they listen to and watch others count. They should begin using strategies of skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.

The use of a 99 chart is an extremely useful tool to help students identify number relationships and patterns. Listed below are several reasons that support use of a 99 chart:
• A 0-99 chart begins with zero where a hundred chart begins with 1. We need to include zero because it is one of the ten digits and just as important as 1-9.

• A 100 chart puts the decade numerals (10, 20, 30, etc.) in the wrong row. For instance, on a hundred chart, 20 appears at the end of the teens row, where it simply doesn’t belong because
it is not a teen number. The number 20 is the beginning of the 20’s decade; therefore it should be in the beginning of the 20’s row as in a 99 chart.

- A 0-99 chart ends with the last two-digit number, 99, whereas a hundred chart ends in 100. Again, this is the wrong place for the number 100, it should begin a whole new chart because it is the first three-digit number.

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As students in first grade begin to count larger amounts, they should group concrete materials into tens and ones to keep track of what they have counted. This is an introduction to the concept of place value. Students must learn that digits have different values depending on their position in numbers.

Although the units in this instructional framework emphasize key standards and big ideas at specific times of the year, routine topics such as counting, time, money, positional words, patterns, and tallying should be addressed on an ongoing basis through the use of routines, centers, and games. This first unit should establish these routines, allowing students to gradually understand the concept of number and time.

Students in first grade are only asked to construct tables and charts. Picture graphs and bar graphs are not introduced until 2nd grade. Although students are not expected to count money in first grade, they should use money as a manipulative for patterns, skip counting and any counting additional counting activities.

**STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT**

**Extend the counting sequence.**

**MCC1.NBT.1** Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.

**Represent and interpret data.**

**MCC1.MD.4** Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.
STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE

The Standards for Mathematical Practice describe varieties of expertise that mathematics educators at all levels should seek to develop in their students. These practices rest on important “processes and proficiencies” with longstanding importance in mathematics education.

Students are expected to:

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

***Mathematical Practices 1 and 6 should be evident in EVERY lesson***

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- Students can count on starting at any number less than 120.
- Read, write and represent a number of objects with a written numeral
- Quantities can be compared using matching and words.
- Recognize and understand patterns on a 99 chart. (tens and ones)
- A number line can represent the order of numbers.
- Problems can be solved in different ways.
- Important information can be found in representations of data such as tallies, tables, and charts.
- Tables and charts can help make solving problems easier.
- Questions can be solved by collecting and interpreting data

Coins are not explicitly taught in first grade, but the connections to patterns and skip counting should be made. Coins can be used as manipulatives for patterns, skip counting and counting. Note that skip counting is not formally addressed until grade 2, but as students develop an understanding of number and the relationships between numbers, they may naturally work with this concept.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can patterns help us understand numbers?
- How can we find the missing numbers on the 0-99 chart?
- How can we organize and display the data we collected into three categories to create a graph?
- How can we organize and display the data we collected to create a graph?
- How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
• How can we use counting to compare objects in a set?
• How can we use tally marks to help represent data in a table or chart?
• How do we know if a set has more or less?
• How do we know where a number lies on a number line?
• How does a graph help us better understand the data collected?
• What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?
• What do the numerals represent in a two or three digit number?
• What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
• What patterns can be found on the 0-99 chart?
• What strategies can be used to find a missing number?
• What strategy can we use to efficiently count a large quantity of objects?
• Why do we need to be able to count objects?
• What is estimating and when can you use it?

CONCEPTS/SKILLS TO MAINTAIN

• Comparing two sets of objects (equal to, more than, or less than)
• Count forward from a given number
• Counting to 100 by ones and tens
• Equivalence
• Number words
• One to one correspondence
• Sorting
• Subitizing
• Unitizing tens
• Writing and representing numbers through 100

SELECTED TERMS AND SYMBOLS

The following terms and symbols are often misunderstood. These concepts are not an inclusive list and should not be taught in isolation. However, due to evidence of frequent difficulty and misunderstanding associated with these concepts, instructors should pay particular attention to them and how their students are able to explain and apply them.

The terms below are for teacher reference only and are not to be memorized by the students. Teachers should present these concepts to students with models and real life examples. Students should understand the concepts involved and be able to recognize and/or demonstrate them with words, models, pictures, or numbers.

• chart
• compare
• counting on
STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Extend the counting sequence.

MCC1.NBT.1 Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.

Instructional Strategies
In first grade, students build on their counting to 100 by ones and tens beginning with numbers other than 1 as they learned in Kindergarten. Students can start counting at any number less than 120 and continue to 120. It is important for students to connect different representations for the same quantity or number. Students use materials to count by ones and tens to build models that represent a number, then they connect this model to the number word and its representation as a written numeral. Students learn to use numerals to represent numbers by relating their place-value notation to their models.

They build on their experiences with numbers 0 to 20 in Kindergarten to create models for 21 to 120 with groupable (examples: dried beans and a small cup for 10 beans, linking cubes, plastic chain links) and pregroupable materials (examples: base-ten blocks, dried beans and beans sticks (10 beans glued on a craft stick), strips (ten connected squares) and squares (singles), ten-frame, place-value mat with ten-frames, hundreds chart and blank hundreds chart). Students represent the quantities shown in the models by placing numerals in labeled hundreds, tens and ones columns. They eventually move to representing the numbers in standard form, where the group of hundreds, tens, then singles shown in the model matches the left-to-right order of digits in numbers. Listen as students orally count to 120 and focus on their transitions between decades and the century number. These transitions will be signaled by a 9 and require new rules to be used to generate the next set of numbers. Students need to listen to their rhythm and pattern as they orally count so they can develop a strong number word list. Extend hundred charts by attaching a blank hundred charts and writing the numbers 101 to 120 in the spaces following the same pattern as in the hundred chart. Students can use these charts to connect the number symbols with their count words for numbers 1 to 120. Post the number words in the classroom to help students read and write them.
Represent and interpret data.
MCC1.MD.4 Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.

Instructional Strategies
In first grade, the students will sort a collection of items in up to three categories. You will then ask questions about the number of items in each category and the total number of items. Also ask students to compare the number of items in each category. The total number of items to be sorted should be less than or equal to 100 to allow for sums and differences less than or equal to 100 using the numbers 0 to 100. Connect to the geometry content studied in Grade 1. Provide categories and have students sort identical collections of different geometric shapes. After the shapes have been sorted, ask these questions: How many triangles are in the collection? How many rectangles are there? How many triangles and rectangles are there? Which category has the most items? How many more? Which category has the least? How many less? Students can create a Venn diagram after they have had multiple experiences with sorting objects according to given categories. The teacher should model a Venn diagram several times before students make their own. A Venn diagram in Grade 1 has two or three labeled loops or regions (categories). Students place items inside the regions that represent a category that they chose. Items that do not fit in a category are placed outside of the loops or regions. Students can place items in a region that overlaps the categories if they see a connection between categories. Ask questions that compare the number of items in each category and the total number of items inside and outside of the regions.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS
Students have difficulty with ten as a singular word that means 10 things. For many students, the understanding that a group of 10 things can be replaced by a single object and they both represent 10 is confusing. Help students develop the sense of 10 by first using groupable materials then replacing the group with an object or representing 10. Watch for and address the issue of attaching words to materials and groups without knowing what they represent. If this misconception is not addressed early on it can cause additional issues when working with numbers 11-19 and beyond.

EVIDENCE OF LEARNING
By the conclusion of this unit, students should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Represent and count quantities up to 120 in multiple ways, pictures, and numerals.
- Represent a number by the appropriate numeral
- Use counters and pictures to represent numbers in terms of tens and ones
- Pose questions, collect, sort, organize, and record data
- Interpret tables and charts
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CONSTRUCTING TASK: Button! Button!

Approximately 2 days
Adapted from The Pocket Problem task, First-Grade Math by Vicki Bachman,

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

This task is centered on number relations and counting, as well as collecting, organizing and representing data. Remember that students must experiment with showing amounts in groups of like size and you cannot arbitrarily impose grouping by 10 on students. Letting the students express and agree on the idea that grouping objects by 10 is an effective way of allowing the students to count a quantity in a meaningful way. (Van de Walle, p. 129)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• What strategy can we use to efficiently count a large quantity of objects?
• How can we organize and display the data we collected to create a graph?
• Why do we need to be able to count objects?
• How does a graph help us better understand the data collected?
• How can we use tally marks to help represent data in a table or chart?

MATERIALS
• *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman or similar book
• Button, Button! Recording sheet

**GROUPING**

Large Group/Individual

**TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION**

**Part I**
Gather students together to read *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman or another story featuring buttons. During the story, ask the students if they, too, are wearing buttons.

**Part II**
After reading the story, continue the class discussion with this story problem: The students in Mrs. Fletcher’s class just won a competition for eating the most cake of any first grade class in the world! Mrs. Fletcher’s class ate so much cake that every button in the class popped off everyone’s clothes. Mrs. Fletcher has to get to the store before the end of class, buy buttons and sew them back on. How many buttons does Mrs. Fletcher need to buy to replace every button in her class?

Now, pretend you are Mrs. Fletcher’s class. How many buttons would your teacher need to buy to replace all the buttons in your class?

Before collecting data, have the students determine how they are going to collect, organize and display their data.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

• How many buttons did you count?
• What makes counting the objects easier?
• How does this help?
• Who had the most buttons? How many did they have?
• Who had the least amount of buttons? How many did they have?
• How did you organize your data?
• How did you display your data?

**DIFFERENTIATION**
Extension
• Read *A Pocket For Corduroy* by Don Freeman. Have the students determine the total number of pockets the students are wearing on a certain day.

Intervention
• Have students complete the activity by counting only pant buttons from the class.
Button, Button!

Pretend you are Mrs. Fletcher’s class. How many buttons would your teacher need to buy to replace all the buttons in your class?
CONSTRUCTING TASK: Count it! Graph it!
Approximately 2 days (adapted from VDW activity 5.2)

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Students must understand that making groups of ten is the most efficient way of counting large quantities. This activity allows students to explore counting using a variation of group sizes as it relates to quantity. Note that some students will count by ones, twos and or fives before realizing that counting by tens is the most efficient way of counting the objects.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What strategy can we use to efficiently count a large quantity of objects?
- How can we organize and display the data we collected into three categories to create a graph?
- How can we use counting to compare objects in a set?
- How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
- How do we know if a set has more or less?
- What do the numerals represent in a two or three digit number?
- Why do we need to be able to count objects?

MATERIALS
• 10 sets of objects with various amounts ranging between 1 and 120 (buttons, toothpicks, beans, connecting cubes, craft sticks, counters, counting bears, Legos, washers, pennies)
• Count it! Station recording sheet
• Graph it! Recording sheet

GROUPING

Large Group and individual

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
Gather students together to discuss the ten different stations prepared for them, explaining that each station has a different quantity of objects. Allow students to work through stations and count the various quantities of objects. As students are counting, begin conferencing with the students requiring them to explain and verify the quantity of objects counted. After students have had the opportunity to explore the stations, bring the students back to the carpet. Brainstorm with the students different strategies that could be used to count a large number of objects efficiently. Guide the discussion to help students realize that grouping objects by ten is the most efficient way of counting a large number of objects. DO NOT tell the students the answer, but allow them to realize the concept after their initial exploration of the stations. Note that some students will count by ones, twos and or fives before realizing that counting by tens is the most efficient way of counting the objects.

Part II
Give the students the Graph it! station recording sheet. Have them return to the stations and record the quantity of objects using the strategy discovered in part I.

Part III
Now that students have efficiently counted and recorded the quantity of objects at each station, discuss with the students that they are going to use the data they have collected to create a graph. The graph will be organized into three categories: objects with the quantities of 0-49, objects with the quantities of 50-99 and those objects with the quantities of a 100 or more. After students have created a graph, have them write three statements about what the information found in their graph tells them about their data.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

• How many objects did you count?
• What makes counting the objects easier?
• How does this help?
• Which station had the most objects?
• Which station had the least objects?
• How did we organize the objects into three groups?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
• Have the students independently organize the data into three different categories and create a graph. How did the graph change?

Intervention
• Have students complete the task with a teacher-selected partner for effective peer tutoring.
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**Graph It!**
**CONSTRUCTING TASK:** The One Minute Challenge

*Approximately 1 day, then repeated (Adapted from NCTM’s TCM 2011)*

**STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT**

**MCC1.NBT.1** Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.

**MCC1.MD.4** Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.

**STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE**

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

**BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE**

Subitizing is a skill that allows students to recognize the size of a collection without counting. This skill can aid in counting on or learning combinations of numbers. (Van de Walle, p. 43) In addition, Van de Walle states that producing an estimate is a very difficult concept for students to understand. Using the terms “estimate” and “about” interchangeably throughout the lesson will help students understand the concept of estimating without having to randomly select numbers (p.59).

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

- What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
- Why do we need to be able to count objects?
- What is estimating and when can you use it?

**MATERIALS**

- A timer (to keep track of one minute)
- 1 bag of counters
- 1 number cube per pair (standard six-sided)
- 2 sticky notes per student (of the same color to record estimates)
1 different colored sticky note per student (to record the actual number of counters)

GROUPING

Large Group/partners

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
Gather students in a circle and ask two volunteers to come into the middle to demonstrate the game to the class. Give the pair one standard six-sided number cube and a bag of about 100 counters. Model and explain One Minute Challenge:

Roll and Gather
Tell the pair that they will be trying to accumulate as many counters as they can in one minute. To start, place all of the counters in a pile. When the timer starts, one student will toss the number cube repeatedly and call out each result. The other student will quickly remove the called number of counters from the start pile and place them in a separate pile. (Example: Player 1 rolls the dice and calls out the number “4”. Player 2 gathers 4 counters and places them in a NEW separate pile). As the action is quickly repeated again and again, the pile of counters will grow larger and larger. Player 1 cannot roll again until the counters have been placed in the separate pile. This continues for one minute. At the end of one minute, students stop rolling and adding counters to their pile.

Comment: First grade students have cumbersome ways of counting. It is important to probe students as they explore different ways of counting efficiently. It is often the case that students do not subitize although they are capable of doing so. Here is a possible list of questions to ask students and to informally assess:

- Can you think of a more efficient way to count?
- Is counting by ones the most efficient way to count?
- What is quicker to count, the dice or the counters? Why?
- Why are the dice quicker to count? Could you use the same strategy with the counters?

So much potential exists for classroom teachers to assess as students engage in this task. Here is a possible list of things to observe:

- How quickly do young children subitize the numbers on the number cube or subitize a collection of counters without needing to count them one by one?
- How reasonable are the students’ estimates? How do they go about estimating?
- When counting the actual counters, do students group in ten or simply count one by one?
- Do they have trouble with reversals when writing numerals, such as 46 and 64?

Estimate and count
Once a minute has elapsed, both players stop rolling and neither player can touch the counters. Each player gets a sticky note (of the same color). On separate sticky notes, each player will record their estimate of how many counters have been set aside in the new pile. Be sure players do not touch or count the counters at this time and are just focusing on making an accurate and meaningful estimation. Both players record their estimates and explain their strategy for their estimate. *Many times students will say a number with no purpose other than to be different. Students must justify their reasoning. In addition, students usually underestimate quantity at this stage.* Both students count the counters to find the actual total earned in the round. Typical scores at this demonstration stage seem to vary from about 30–50 counters in first grade. The volunteer pair is asked to record the actual number in large digits on a different colored sticky. Students compare both estimated sticky notes with the actual number and keep the estimation sticky that was closest to the actual count. Students must share the strategy the used for determining which estimate was closer. The sticky note with the number which was farther away is discarded.

**Part II**

Students are invited to find a partner and a quiet spot on the floor or at a table. Each pair receives a number cube, a bag of counters, 2 sticky notes that are the same color and one different color sticky note. Students decide who will roll and who will count and practice rolling and counting for a few minutes. When everyone is ready, the start signal is given and the timer starts.

After one minute, when told to stop, students carefully set aside the collection of counters they have separated from the original pile. Both students make an estimate and record the estimate on the same colored sticky. Players then count the actual number of counters collected in a minute and record on the different colored sticky and compared to both estimates. The closest estimate is kept and the one furthest away is discarded.

**Line ‘Em Up**

The student that had the closest estimate keeps that sticky note and the other student keeps the sticky with the actual count of counters on it. Have students stand shoulder to shoulder at the front of the class. Ask them to get in order from the smallest to largest number based on the numbered sticky they are holding.

*Special Note: During this time, allow students to order themselves without your guidance. Observe the conversations taking place and the roles students play in organizing one another. This can be extremely beneficial with the future grouping of students.*

When students are satisfied with their number order, record the order of the students on the board. Ask students to review the order posted and ask if they would like to reconsider their decision on some or all of the numbers in the order. Again, allow the students to problem solve without your guidance. If there are duplicate numbers, have the students decide how to manage the problem.

**Graphing the Data**

After the correct numbered order has been identified and agreed upon, have each student place their post-it on their desk. Using the *One Minute Challenge* data recording sheet, students record the data and graph their class’ results. Once all students have graphed the results, lead a discussion that allows students to share information they’ve learned from the data they collected.
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- Did you use a counting strategy for counting your counters? If so, what was it?
- Why did you estimate that number?
- Whose estimation was more accurate? How do you know?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
- Graph can be modified so that each square represents 2 players’ numbers.
- Students can identify the actual difference between the estimate sticky note and the actual sticky note, and also between both estimates.

Intervention
- Allow students to use a number line from Make It Straight task to place sticky notes in order.
- Post the numbers on the sticky notes on the board and have students record them in order in their math journal.
One Minute Challenge

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PRACTICE TASK: More or Less Revisited
Approximately 1 day (Adapted from Stuart Murphy’s More or Less activity)

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT

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STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE

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6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

This task is centered on number relations and counting. Students need to expand their basic ideas of place value understanding which include base-ten grouping, oral names, and written names, to relative magnitude. Students should be able to relate a number’s relationship to another number as: much larger, much smaller, close to, or about the same. (Van de Walle, p. 142)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Why do we need to be able to count objects?
- How can we use counting to compare objects in a set?
- How do we know if a set has more or less?

MATERIALS

- *More or Less*, by Stuart J Murphy or similar text
- 0-99 chart
- 0-99 chart (student)
- Counters

GROUPING

Large Group/Partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION
Part I
Gather students in a common area and read *More or Less*, by Stuart Murphy, or a similar book. During the story, chart the guesses the students gave and identify them on the 0-99 chart. Then, have a class discussion about how the children guessed the principal’s age. Play the same type of game by having students guess your principal’s age; once the number is given, have the students locate it on the 0-99 chart. Only give the student’s clues by telling them that the number is more or less.

Part II
Partner the students to play a version of *More or Less*. Player One will write a number on a sticky note and cover it. Player Two will then try to guess the covered number as Player One guides them to an answer by saying, *more or less*. Every number that is guessed is then covered on the 0-99 chart with a counter. Once the number is revealed or correctly guessed, the players switch roles and play again.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**
- What was the number?
- How many guesses did you need to find the number?
- Was the number more or less than what you thought?
- What was the hardest number to guess? Why?

**DIFFERENTIATION**

**Extension**
- Have the students use higher numbers.

**Intervention**
- Have students use lower numbers they are more familiar with.
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**SCAFFOLDING TASK:** Close, Far, and In Between

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**MATHEMATICS • GRADE 1 • UNIT 2: Developing Base Ten Number Sense**

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Approximately 1 day  
(Adapted from Van de Walle activities 5.12 and 5.19)

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT

MCC1.NBT.1 Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE

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6. Attend to precision.  
7. Look for and make use of structure.  
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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

This task is centered on number relations and counting. Students need to expand their basic ideas of place value understanding, which includes base-ten grouping, oral names, and written names, to relative magnitude. Students should refer one number to the size relationship of another number much larger, much smaller, close to or about the same. (Van de Walle, p. 142)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What patterns can be found on the 0-99 chart?  
- How can patterns help us understand number?  
- What do the numerals represent in a two or three-digit number?  
- What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?

MATERIALS

- 0-99 chart  
- Close, Far, and In Between recording sheet  
- A set of four cards with three numerals on each. (the numerals should be from the same row or column found on the 0-99 chart, but should not exceed 120) *see additional note about recording sheet.
GROUPING

Large Group/Partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Prior to the lesson, write three numbers on the board for students to analyze, along with the questions listed below to lead a class discussion. The three numbers should be from the same row or columns found on the 0-99 chart, but should not exceed 120 (Example: 62, 67, 69).

- How are the numbers alike? How are they different?
- Which two are closest? Why?
- Which is closest to 50? To 100?
- Have the students name a number between two of the numbers you have chosen.
- Name a number that is more than all of the numbers chosen.
- Name a number that is less than all of these numbers chosen.

Part I
Gather students in a common area for a class discussion about the three numbers provided on the board. The students should use the 0-99 chart as a reference when comparing these numbers. Continue the class discussion with three new numbers for the students to explore and express their mathematical reasoning.

Part II
In partners, students should go to each of the four stations and record the numerals found and answer the same questions found on the class discussion chart.

After the students have rotated through each of the stations, have the class come back together to share their findings and express their mathematical reasoning about their answers and the numerals they have explored.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- What numerals did you explore?
- Did you find any patterns in the numerals you explored? Which ones?
- Explain why the numbers with a five in the ones place are in the same column. Why are the numbers with a five in the tens place in the same column?
DIFFERENTIATION

Extension

- Give students larger numbers to compare. Have them choose two numbers and write at least five things they know about each number through pictures and words.

Intervention

- Give students smaller numbers to work with.
- Allow students to work with a student copy of the 0-99 chart, having the students circle the numbers that are being compared. This also helps the students to better see the numbers and their relationships.
- Have students complete the task in a small group to closely monitor the student’s work.
**Close, Far and in Between**

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CONSTRUCTING TASK: Finding Neighbors
Approximately 1 day (Adapted from VDW Activity 5.11)

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT

MCC1.NBT.1 Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numerals and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

The hundreds chart is an important tool that can help in the development of place value concepts. Here students are exploring patterns in the hundreds chart and are developing the structure of the written numbers in our place-value system when they fill in the missing numbers on the chart. (Van De Walle, p. 137)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• How can we find the missing numbers on the 0-99 chart?
• What patterns can be found on the 0-99 chart?
• How can patterns help us understand number?

MATERIALS

• 0-99 chart
• Base ten blocks
• Finding neighbors recording sheet

GROUPING
Large Group/partners

**TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION**

Before gathering the students together, create a 0-99 chart with missing numerals similar to the student’s recording sheet. During the whole group session, review how to create numbers using base ten blocks and how to use the spinners. A spinner board can be made with a paper clip and a pencil. Then, have students work in pairs to complete the Finding Neighbors task.

To play: Each pair of students should have two *Finding Neighbors Recording Sheets* and one spinner board. While holding the paper clip in place with the pencil, player 1 spins the spinner on each spin board to determine the amount of tens and ones required to build the number. The first number spun represents the amount of tens in the number, while the second number spun represents the amount of ones in the number. The student then builds the number using base ten blocks and locates it on the recording sheet. Player 1 then records the numbers that are neighbors to the number created. (Example: if the student spun 3 tens and 4 ones they would build 34 with the base-ten blocks and identify/record the numeral on the 0-99 chart. Player one must then fill the squares for the numbers that are 1 more, 1 less, 10 more and 10 less. Subsequently, the numbers 33, 35, 44 and 24 must be filled in.)

If a number has already been filled in, the square is left alone.

After each player has had ten plays, the player with the greatest amount of numbers on their chart wins.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

- What numerals did you spin to build your number?
- How did you represent your number with the base ten blocks?
- What did you notice about the neighbor numbers when you filled them in?
- Did you notice any patterns in the 0-99 chart? Which ones?
- (As the board is filled) What numerals do you need to spin to help complete your chart?

**DIFFERENTIATION**

**Extension**

- Have the students complete the 0-99 chart by using the strategies and patterns they have discovered while playing the game.

**Intervention**

- Allow the students to complete the activity in a small group.
- Allow students access to a completed 0-99 chart to use as a referen their task.
0-9 Spinners

Provide a paper clip or transparent spinner to use with the templates below. Place a pencil point inside one end of the paper clip and hold with one hand. Use the other hand to flick the paperclip and it will spin. Students will need to have practice with this prior to this activity.

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CONSTRUCTING TASK: Make It Straight!
Approximately 2 days

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT

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8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Although the 0-99 chart is a critical tool to develop students understanding, students must also realize that the 0-99 chart is a folded number line. This task is developed to help students make the connection between a 0-99 chart and number line. A number line measures distance from zero to any number the same way a ruler does. In the early grades, students focus on the dots or numerals on a number line instead of the spaces, which is incorrect (Van de Walle, page 73).

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
• How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
• What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?

MATERIALS

• Centipede’s One Hundred Shoes, by Tony Ross or similar book about tally marks
• 0-99 chart printed on tag board
• Tape or glue
• 2 different colored counters
• spinner (1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less)
• dice/spinner labeled with 10 and 1
GROUPING

Large group/small group/partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
By this time in the year, students should be familiar with a 0-99 chart. Assess prior knowledge and record what they know and how can use the chart as a tool.

Give each student a 0-99 chart and have them color each row of ten a different color. Ask the students what the benefits will be of coloring each row of ten a different color. After each student has colored their chart, have them cut their 99 chart into strips (0-9, 10-19, 20-29, etc.). Observe which students immediately start lining strips in order. Praise this concept and ask all students to do the same thing. After each student has put their number line in order, connect them together.

This is a teacher preference: some teachers like to glue strips together using the extra flap on the end and some teachers cut the flap off and put a piece of tape on the back to connect. Either way is fine, however, keep in mind the number lines will be reused through the unit and year so they will need to be folded up.

Part II
Race to 99 (2 players)
Each player should place their counter on zero. Players will take turns using the spinner and moving the corresponding number of spaces on the number line. (Example: if player 1 is on zero, and spins 10 less, they stay on zero. If player 1 spins 1 more, they move their counter to 1 on the number line. If player 2 is on 23 and spins 10 more they move their counter to 33.) The first player to reach the number 99 or beyond that number wins the game.

Part III
Tug-A-War (2 players)
Place the counter at the number 50 on the number line. Player 1 wants the counter to reach 0 on the number line and player 2 wants the counter to reach 99. 1 counter is shared between players and each player takes turn pulling the counter towards their designated side of the number line.

Player 1 uses the spinner and moves the counter the corresponding number of spaces towards zero on the number line. (If the chip is on fifty and player 1 spins 10, they move the chip 10 spaces towards the zero) Player one must identify and say the location of the chip on the number line. If player 1 is unable to identify the correct location of the chip, it moves back to the previous location.

Player 2 spins and moves the counter that many spaces towards 99. (If the chip is on 40 and player 2 spins 1, they move the counter to 41) If player 2 is unable to correctly identify the location of the chip, it moves back to the previous location.
If the chip reaches zero on the number line, player 1 wins. If the chip reaches 99 on the number line, player 2 wins.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

- What do a 0-99 chart and a number line have in common?
- Can you recognize any patterns on the number line?
- What strategy are you using to move forward or backwards by 10 or 1?

**DIFFERENTIATION**

**Extension**
- Have students extend their number line to 120 and play *Race to 99* and *Tug-O-War*.
- Have students use a ten-sided die instead of using spinners with ones and tens.

**Intervention**
- Have students play *Tug-O-War* from the Kindergarten Frameworks with numbers 0-20.
- Modify *Race to 99* and *Tug-O-War* to only use a section of the number line.
# 0-99 Chart

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### CONSTRUCTING TASK: Number Hotel

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

On a conventional 0-99 and hundred chart, each row below the previous is greater than the one above. It can be conceptually hard for many children to understand that when you move down, the numbers actually get bigger. Using the Number Hotel will allow students to make the connection that as the height of the hotel increases so do the numbers in general.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?
- What do the numerals represent in a two or three digit number?
- What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
- What patterns can be found on the 0-99 chart?

MATERIALS

- Number Hotel game board
- Arrow cards
- Counters to use on the game board
GROUPING

Large Group

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
Gather the students together to compare and analyze the Number Hotel and the 0-99 Chart. Have the students participate in a class discussion which includes reviewing and finding new patterns. Ask questions, rather than pointing out the differences, to prompt students to explain their discoveries of the Number Hotel, such as:

- What differences do you notice between the Number Hotel and the 0-99 Chart?
- In what ways are they the same?
- What strategies might you need to know in order to use the Number Hotel?

Part II
Pair the students into partner groups to play Let Me Out using the Number Hotel game board.

To Play: There are two exits out of the Number Hotel. The students must exit the hotel through the 0 door or the 119 door. Each player will place a counter on numeral 50 on their own game board. Using the stack of arrow cards, players will turn over five arrow cards each. The arrow cards can be arranged in any order for the player to find the quickest way to get out of the building. Each arrow represents one move on the Number Hotel game board. Players may move up, down, left or right. Once the players have moved five spaces, they may turn over five more arrow cards. Play stops and the player closest to their door wins.

Part III
Revisit the task, Exploring the 99 Chart, from the previous unit and incorporate some of the activities mentioned in the task. In particular, Special Numbers and What’s My Picture?

For Special Numbers, have the students pair up and cover three numbers special to them (ex.: birthday, address, numbers in their phone number) and have their partner guess the player’s numbers.

For What’s My Picture, have students pair up and cover numbers to create a picture using counters. Player one then calls out the numbers to a partner. The partner uses those numbers to recreate the picture made by player one. Then the player’s roles are reversed, giving each player a chance to recreate a picture.

Part IV
Gather the students together for a class discussion about what was learned from the *Number Hotel*. Have the students reflect on any connections they have made between the 0-99 chart and the Number Hotel. Have the students record what they learned in their math journals.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

- How is the Number Hotel different from the 0-99 chart?
- How is the Number Hotel the same as the 0-99 chart?
- What new patterns did you find in the Number Hotel?
- Does the order of the arrows change where you would end up?
- What strategy did you use to make it as close as you could to the door?
- What would you do differently if you could play again?
- What special numbers did you cover up? Why?
- What picture did you make with your counters?
- What did you find difficult while working to recreate a picture from your partner?

**DIFFERENTIATION**

**Extension**

- Have the students continue playing *Let Me Out* until they have reached the exit.
- Instead of recording arrows at the bottom of the recording sheet, have the students record the numerical representation of what they need to do to exit the building. (Example: if the counter is at 77 they would need to move +10, +10, +1, +1. Or, if the counter was at 22, they would need to record -10, -10, -1, -1.

**Intervention**

- Have the students use the 0-99 chart to play *Let Me Out*.
- In *What’s My Picture*, give the students an outline of a picture such as a flower to replicate.
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Number Hotel Playing Cards
Number Hotel

Each player places a counter on the numeral 50. Player 1 takes the top five arrow cards from the pile and records the moves they made. Players keep track of their moves on the task sheet by recording where they moved to after each card and the move they had to make to get there. After both players have had 2 turns taking the top five arrow cards, they identify which arrows they still need to get out of the hotel.

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Draw the arrows you need to get out
PRACTICE TASK: Mystery Number!

Approximately 1 day  Adapted from Van de Walle activity 5.17

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

This task is centered on number relations and counting. Students need to expand their basic ideas of place value understanding which include, base-ten grouping, oral names and written names to relative magnitude. Students should refer one number to the size relationship of another number much larger, much smaller, close or about the same. Using number lines allows students to see how one number is related to another. (Van de Walle, p. 142)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?
• How do we know where a number lies on a number line?
• What strategies can be used to find a missing number?

MATERIALS

• 0-99 chart
• Student dry erase boards or paper and pencil

GROUPING

Large Group/Partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION
Part I
Draw a number line labeled with only a 0 and 100 on the board. The number line should be labeled 0 at one end and 100 at the other.
Gather students together to have a class discussion about the number line provided on the board.
Draw an arrow to a spot on the number line and have students guess the mystery number. With each student’s guess, have the students identify why they chose that particular number and what their strategy was. Write that number on the number line as it relates to the mystery number. As students guess the mystery number have a volunteer also identify that number on the 0-99 chart, so students can make the connection between the number line and 0-99 chart. Continue to record the student guess until the mystery number has been revealed. Be sure that students explain why they are choosing a particular number.

Part II
Have the students play the mystery number game with a partner using dry erase boards or paper and pencil. Let each student have a chance creating a mystery number, as well as guessing a mystery number.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- What was the mystery number?
- How many guesses did you need to find the mystery number?
- What strategy did you use to correctly identify the mystery number?
- What was the hardest number to guess? Why?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
- Have the students extend their number lines to try 200, 300 or 400.

Intervention
- Have students complete the task in a small group to closely monitor the student’s work. Students can also hold a 0-99 chart in their hand to help suggest what the mystery number could be.
CONSTRUCTING TASK: Ten and Some More

Approximately 1 day (Adapted from Stuart J. Murphy’s 1, 2, 3 Sassafras activity)

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Two digit numbers must also be connected with the grouping-by-tens concept. This counting method provides a connection between the numeral and the set. Therefore students begin to understand that 19 is one ten and nine. (Van de Walle, p. 126)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• What do the numerals represent in a two or three digit number?
• How can patterns help us understand number?
• What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?

MATERIALS

• 1, 2, 3 Sassafras, by Stuart J. Murphy, or similar text
• 0-99 Chart
• Base Ten Blocks
• Number Cards (1 set per person)
• Recording Sheet

GROUPING

Large Group/Partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION
Part I
Gather the students together to read 1, 2, 3 Sassafras, by Stuart J. Murphy or similar text. Have a class discussion about the different ways the family could be arranged in the picture. Discuss the different ways numbers could be arranged. For example: 19 could be rearranged 91. Discuss how different these numbers are when built with base ten blocks. Reinforce that the positions of digits in numbers determine what they represent (which size group they count.) This is a major principle of place-value numeration (Van de Walle, page 122).

Part II
In partners, students should take turns picking up two numbers from their pile. The players then build the largest number possible. The student records both numbers made on the recording sheet. The students then build their number using base ten blocks. The player with the largest number takes all four cards. Play continues until all cards have been played. The student with the largest amount of cards wins. Students then must place the numbers created in order from least to greatest on their recording sheet.

Part III
Students identify the largest number made during the game and must build that number using a various combinations of base ten blocks. (Example: 91 can be decomposed as 9 tens and 1 one, 8 tens and 11 ones, 7 tens and 21 ones, etc.)

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- What strategy did you use to arrange your numbers?
- What was the highest number made?
- What was the lowest number made?
- What are the differences between the numbers you made?
- When building your number with base ten blocks, did you notice any patterns?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
- Have the students use three cards instead of two, when building three digit numbers.
- Have students record all ten numbers from greatest to smallest.

Intervention
- Allow students to work with a student copy of the 0-99 chart, having the students circle the numbers being made.
- Reduce the amount of cards to 0-5.
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Choose the winning players numbers and place them in order from least to greatest.

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How many ways could you build your largest number using base ten blocks?
CONSTRUCTING TASK: Dropping Tens
Approximately 3-4 days (Adapted from Van de Walle activity 5.1)

STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL CONTENT

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Place-value requires the understanding of grouping by tens and how groups are recorded in our place-value system, how numbers are written, and how they are spoken. We want children to recognize that making groupings of tens and leftovers is a way of counting the same quantity by ones. (Van de Walle, p. 124)

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
- How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
- What are math tools and how can they help me make sense of numbers and counting?
- How do we know if a set has more or less?
- How can we use counting to compare objects in a set?

MATERIALS

- 25-100 piece collection of dried beans
- Tongue depressors
- School glue
- Dot sticks (craft sticks/popsicle sticks)
GROUPING

Large Group/Individual/Partner

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
Gather the students together for a class discussion on ways to represent a number. Dump the collection of beans on the floor, and ask the students to count the beans. Have students share their method of counting the beans. Note: *Having the students group items in groups of ten is the most efficient means to count the items. However, this strategy needs to be found by the students and not prompted by the teacher.* Continue the discussion after the number of items on the floor is determined. Ask the students how this number could be represented. (Example: How can we represent the number 54?) Chart the students’ responses and ideas. Continue the class discussion until the students understand that when representing the number 54, there are five sets of ten and 4 ones left over. Note: Some students may say 4 sets of ten and 14 ones.

Part II
Show students how to make base-ten models by gluing ten beans on each tongue depressor to represent one group of ten. Have them work independently, to make the base-ten models until all the possible groups of ten beans are used.

Comment: Bean sticks are an excellent way to connect unitizing to base-ten blocks and should be used interchangeably. Physical models for base-ten concepts helps students to develop the idea of “a ten” as both a single entity and as a set of 10 units. (Van de Walle, p. 127)

Part III
Comment: Prior to this activity, the teacher should make dot sticks to represent the base-ten model. To make dot sticks, place a set of ten dots on one side of the stick and one dot on the reverse side of the stick. This will allow students to represent both tens and ones.

Gather students in a common area to introduce the dot sticks and to play Dropping Tens. Students will be given ten dot sticks each. The students will drop the ten sticks to see what combination of tens and ones are created. The students will then record the number created on their recording sheet. Please refer to the key at the bottom of the recording sheet to explain to students how to record their number.

Part IV
Gather the students in a common area to explain the *Who Has More?* game. With students in pairs, player one drops their group of ten sticks and records their number on the game board. Then, player two drops their group of ten sticks and records their number on the game board. The player with the most circles their number. Play continues until each player has gone 5 times. The player with the
most groups circled wins. If there is a tie, students must count up all the ones recorded to determine the winner.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

- How many beans were counted? How many tens? How many ones?
- How can a set of ten be represented?
- How can ones be represented?
- What is the smallest number that could have been made with your dot sticks?
- What is the largest number that could have been made with your dot sticks?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
- Have students model their number with base-ten blocks.
- Have students place the numbers they created in order from least to greatest.

Intervention
- Have the students use fewer sticks to play Dropping Tens.
- Have students model their number dropped with the bean sticks.
### Dropping Tens

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### Key

- `I` is equal to 10 beans
- `●` is equal to 1 bean
### Who Has More?

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**PRACTICE TASK:** Riddle Me This
*Approximately 1 day, then repeated (Adapted from VdW Activity 5.6)*

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**BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE**

An important variation of the grouping activities is aimed at the equivalent representations of numbers. Students need to be able to think flexibly about numbers. Many students have a difficult time understanding that 10 is actually a unitization of 10 ones. For example: most students will see 21 as a 2 groups of ten and 1 one, which is correct, however they must also begin to see that 21 is also 1 ten and 11 ones. This flexible view of number supports strategy development later.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

- What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
- How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
- How can we use counting to compare objects in a set?

**MATERIALS**

- 0-99 Chart
- Base-ten blocks, ben sticks, dot sticks
- Folder (to hide riddle)

**GROUPING**

Partner, small group, whole group
Gather students in a common area and present several riddles to them. Allow student access to base ten blocks, ten frames, bean sticks, dot sticks, or any other manipulative that allows them to see numbers and quantities as tens and ones. Create several base ten riddles for students to solve using the manipulatives.

Sample riddles:
- I have 2 tens and 1 one. What number am I?
- I have 6 ones and 3 tens. What number am I?
- I have 3 tens and 11 ones. What number am I?

Have students share how they solved the mystery riddle. Once students are comfortable with the concept, have them work in pairs to solve the riddles.

Once students are familiar with concept and have solved various teacher prepared riddles, have them create a riddle of their own using the base ten blocks, bean sticks, or dot sticks. They can do this with a partner. One partner will create a riddle and hide it from the view of their partner. He or she will then describe what their number looks like (example: I have 3 tens and 4 ones). The other partner tries to solve the mystery riddle. If they are correct, they switch roles.

This task should be continued throughout the unit and revisited throughout the year. To meet the needs of all students, the complexity of the riddles should increase, in addition to the quantity of the mystery number. Examples of how to increase the complexity of riddles:
- I am 32. I have 12 ones. How many tens do I have?
- I have 22 ones. I am between 80 and 90. How many tens do I have?

Student-created riddles can be placed in a center to allow other classmates to solve them.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

- How many ones make up the mystery number?
- How many groups of ten make up the mystery number?
- What strategy did you use to solve the mystery riddle?

**DIFFERENTIATION**

**Extension**
- The complexity of the riddles and how they are presented to students can easily extend this lesson. Allowing students to create riddles that do not list numbers as only tens and ones gives great insight into the student’s understanding of numbers and how they can represent numbers in multiple ways.
Intervention

- There is a similar task in the kindergarten frameworks, *Riddle Me This*, during which students create riddles using a number line from 0-20.
- Students can use a 0-99 chart, or the number line from the *Make It Straight* task, to help them solve the riddles.
Culminating TASK: Drop It, Web It, Graph It!

Approximately 2 day (Adapted from Van de Walle activity 5.1)

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MCC1.MD.4 Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

• What is an effective way of counting a large quantity of objects?
• How can we represent a number with tens and ones?
• How does a graph help us better understand the data collected?
• How can we use tally marks to help represent data in a table or chart?

MATERIALS

• Dropping Tens Dot Sticks
• Web It recording sheet
GROUPING

Individual

TASK DESCRIPTION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCUSSION

Part I
Gather the students together to review Dropping Tens directions. Model with the students how to fill in the Recording Web after the number is determined. Also, review the gathering data process from the One Minute Challenge.

Part II
Give each student a varied amount of dot sticks ranging between 7 and 12 and a recording web to complete. Have the student complete two number webs.  
Note: Be aware that students with 11 or 12 dot sticks can potentially have all ones showing. Be prepared to engage students in questions to help determine how many tens and ones they have dropped.

Part III
Have each student choose one number to put on a sticky note to complete the graphing recording sheet.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

• How many sticks did you drop? How many were tens? How many were ones?
• How can a set of ten be represented?
• How can ones be represented?
• What is the smallest number that could have been made with your dot sticks?
• What is the largest number that could have been made with your dot sticks?
• Which range of numbers was created the most often in the class?
• Which range of numbers was created the least often in the class?

DIFFERENTIATION

Extension
• Have students model and represent the web numbers in multiple representations. (Example: 34 can be represent as 3 tens and 4 ones or 1 ten and 24 ones)

Intervention
• Have the students use fewer sticks to play Dropping Tens.
• Allow students to use bean sticks to represent their number.
Drop It, Web It, Graph It!  Name: ____________________

- Numeral: _______
  - 10 less than the number: _______
  - 1 less than the number: _______
  - Draw a representation: _______
  - 1 more than the number: _______
  - 10 more than the number: _______
  - _____ tens
  - _____ ones

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