

Burying bones



Family Maths
Toolkit

Paddy the puppy has dug 4 holes in the garden to bury his favourite bones. There are 8 bones.

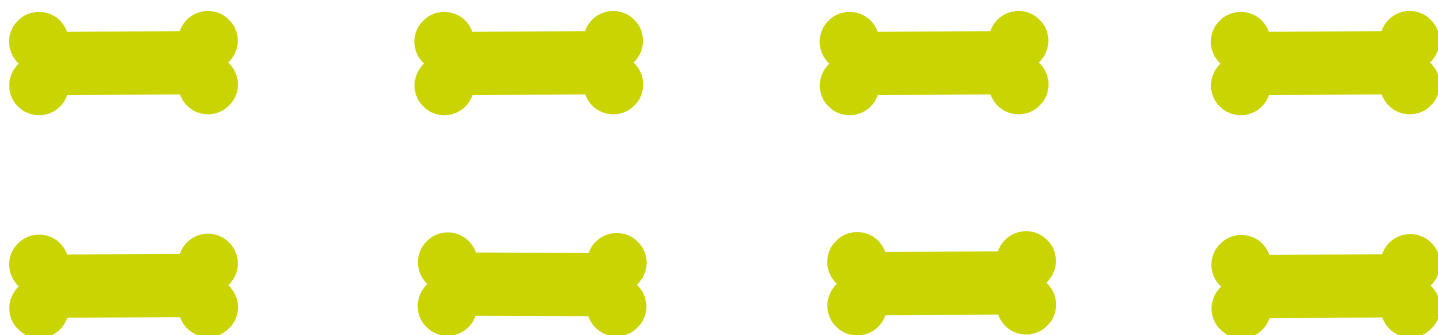


How many different ways can you find for him to bury his 8 bones? Is there a way all the holes could have the same number of bones?



Helpful hints: Draw 4 holes and cut out the bones (or use the same number of counters) so your child can move them around and count. If equal groups are found, encourage counting in 2s.

There are many unequal possibilities but only one equal grouping. It is not the aim to find all possibilities but to experiment and talk about possible groups.



Family comment:

Child comment:



Curriculum Link

Solve practical problems that involve grouping or combining groups of 2, understanding of the value of zero.