

Baby birds



Family Maths
Toolkit

In spring, mother blackbirds have to feed their babies who cannot fly yet. One mother had 3 babies – one large, one middle and one small.



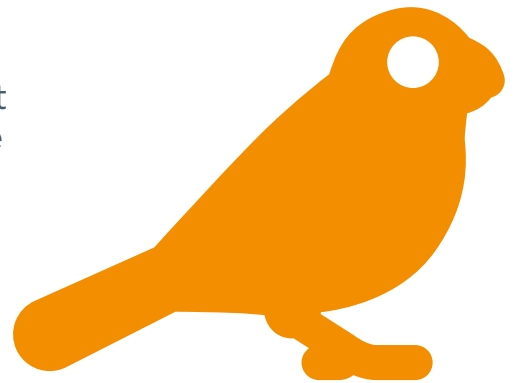
The big one needs 5 worms a day; the middle one needs 3 worms and the small one needs 2 worms a day.

How many worms does the mother need to find?

To make the small one grow faster, she is going to give it some more worms – how many different ways could she split up 10 worms between her babies to make sure the baby always gets more than the middle or the big bird?

Helpful hint: Each bird must always get at least 1.

Draw a different bird with babies in the nest – what do they need to eat? Make up what the mother has to find.



Helpful hint: Draw pictures of the birds and use counters, stones or similar to count out the 'worms'. Practise counting in 2s.

Family comments:

Child comments:



Curriculum Link

Add number bonds to 10; counting in 2s; multiplication problems using concrete apparatus.