

P.1 Fact Families

Usually you will be given 3 numbers to make up a *Fact Family* for a number, (the largest one=total) and then the 2 numbers which add to make it up.

e.g. (3, 2, 1)

Then you have to make up 2 adding/2 subtraction calculations facts using only these numbers.

Therefore, Fact family for 3:

1st addition fact: $2+1=3$

2nd addition fact -SWITCH numbers around $1+2=3$

2 subtraction facts: (use your largest number 1st) $3-2=1$

2nd subtraction fact- SWITCH again $3-1=2$

✓ Now practise with other numbers e.g. 4 = (4,1,3)

5= (5,1,4) 5=(5,2,3)

✓ Start using numbers 1-5 first, until this is pattern is understood.

✓ Once understood, then you can use higher numbers up to 10

✓ Note :If you use double numbers e.g. 1+1=2 then you will only have 2 facts (1 adding/1 take away)

✓ The most important point is that children see the pattern of 2 addition/2 subtraction calculations using only the numbers given.

