



Topic: Number and place value

### Partitioning two-digit numbers

#### Lesson concepts

- Number — Quantity
- Number — Counting
- Addition and subtraction — Part-part-whole (partitioning)
- Representations — Concrete
- Representations — Symbolic

Today students will:

- ▶ use standard place value partitioning to represent two-digit numbers.

#### Resources

##### Find and prepare

Bundling materials (for example: blocks/ beads/shells/pasta/counters and resealable bags or paper plates; iceblock sticks and rubber bands)

Counters

##### Sheets

Sheet 6 — Thinkboard: Partitioning Folded cards (cut out)

Ten frame

#### Key terms

partitioning, part-part-whole model

For definitions and explanations of terms, please see the [Glossary](#).

## Lesson

### Introduce the lesson

#### Explain to students

‘ In this lesson, you will partition, or break up, two-digit numbers into parts of 10 and another part. ’

#### Say to students

‘ Twenty (point to the 20 number card) and five (point to the 5 number card) make twenty-five. Twenty and five is the same as twenty-five. I can record that by writing 20 and 5 equals 25. ’

- Write the matching number sentence ‘20 and 5 = 25’.
- Ask students to select two or more of the following:
  - say the number (25)
  - write the numeral and number word
  - draw a representation of 25 (such as 25 dots)
  - show 25 using bundling sticks
  - show 25 using counters and copies of [Ten frame](#)
  - record 20 and 5 as the parts, and 25 as the whole on a part–part–whole model.

#### Focus questions

Q. *What are the tens and ones parts of this number?*

A. There are 2 tens and 5 ones, which is the same as a part of 20 and a part of 5.

Q. *How does saying the number help you identify the parts of the whole?*

A. For example: You can hear there are two parts, ‘twenty’ and ‘five’, when you say the word ‘twenty-five’.

### Record standard place value partitions of two-digit numbers

- Have students complete the following task, and use the focus questions below to support. (**Note:** The two-digit number 31 is used as an example.)
- Ask students to:
  - select another two-digit number and show the number with blocks
  - point and count in 10s to 30 (that is, say ‘10, 20, 30’)
  - find the 30 folded number card and place it behind the 30 blocks
  - point to and count the other part (1)
  - find the 1 folded number card and place it behind the 1 block
  - split the cards to reveal both numbers
  - identify the parts (30 and 1)
  - make the whole again (31)
  - describe the parts and the whole.



## Focus questions

Q. *What is the whole?*

A. For example: 31

Q. *What are the two parts that make the whole?*

A. For example: 30 and 1

Q. *Which is the larger/smaller part?*

A. For example: The larger part is 30; the smaller part is 1.

Q. *How do the number cards match the blocks?*

A. For example: The 30 blocks are shown by the 30 number card, and the 1 block is shown by the 1 number card.

Q. *How could you describe the parts and whole?*

A. The parts are 30 and 1, and the whole is 31.

Q. *What would I have to do to the blocks and folded cards to make 32?*

A. Add one more block and replace number 1 card with number 2 card.

- Display **Sheet 6** — [Thinkboard: Partitioning](#) (or alternatively make your own).
- Explain that students will now use the thinkboard to show the partitioning of a number.
- Ask students to:
  - select a two-digit number to partition using tens and ones
  - represent the partitions using materials
  - draw a representation of the two-digit number in the 'Draw it' section
  - write the matching number sentence in the 'Write it' section.

The thinkboard is divided into four sections by dashed lines:

- Draw it:** A hand-drawn oval containing 31 blue dots, representing the number 31.
- Write it:** The number sentence  $30 \text{ and } 1 = 31$  is written in the bottom-right quadrant.
- Make it:** Three red base-ten blocks representing 30 and one red base-ten block representing 1 are shown in the bottom-left quadrant.
- Number line:** A number line from 0 to 31 is shown at the bottom, with the first 30 dots in blue and the last dot in orange.