# Seeing small quantities at a glance

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Work with an adult. Show, say, draw or build your answers. Use the explanations and example first.

## What you will practise

• Seeing small quantities at a glance

• Explain and check an answer with an appropriate representation.

Useful starting skills: Use objects, drawings or a number line to explain a simple idea.

Subitising means recognising a small quantity without counting every object. Look for familiar arrangements of up to 5 dots.

An adult can show a dot card briefly and cover it. Say how many you saw, then uncover the card to explain the parts you noticed.

## Worked example

An adult shows 3 dots in a triangle. How many?



Look at the whole arrangement.

You might see two at the bottom and one above: that makes three.

Answer: 3

## Try it yourself

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Look briefly at the dots. Say how many, then explain what you saw.



2. Look briefly at the dots. Say how many, then explain what you saw.



## Answers and explanations

Check the method as well as the final answer. An alternative correct method is also valid.

### 1. 1

The arrangement has 1 dots. Accept a correct quick recognition or a description of smaller parts.

### 2. 2

The arrangement has 2 dots. Accept a correct quick recognition or a description of smaller parts.

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