Adding and taking away within 100

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Grade 2 Mathematics: Adding and Taking Away Within 100 (5 lessons, about 4 weeks)

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Back to the grade 2 year plan - Term 1. Builds on grade 1: Adding and taking away within 20 and Tens and ones to 100

Big idea

Two-digit numbers are tens and ones, so we can add or take away tens with tens and ones with ones. Sometimes ten ones join to make a new ten, and sometimes a ten has to be broken into ten ones. Adding and taking away undo each other, so one can check the other. A drawing with a box for the unknown helps us see what a story problem is asking, even when it has two steps.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit most children can:

1. Add and take away within 20 quickly using a strategy they can name (doubles, near doubles, making ten, or "what do I add?").
2. Add two two-digit numbers by adding tens and tens and ones and ones, using cubes, drawings or the hundred square, including sums where the ones make a new ten (38 + 25 = 63).
3. Take away a two-digit number from a two-digit number, including when a ten has to be broken into ones (52 - 17 = 35), and check the answer by adding.
4. Explain with cubes or a drawing why their method works ("8 ones and 5 ones are 13 ones, which is 1 ten and 3 ones").
5. Solve one-step story problems within 100 of the five kinds (adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, comparing), and two-step story problems, using a drawing and a number sentence with a box for the unknown.

Prior knowledge

The grade 1 units: facts within 20 with strategies (fluency within 10 only), tens and ones to 100, 10 more and 10 less, adding a one-digit number or a multiple of ten to a two-digit number. Children still building these can work with numbers to 50, or with sums that do not make a new ten, in every lesson.

Lessons

Each lesson is about 45 minutes: a short whole-class start, paired work with cubes, and a closing check. Split a lesson over two days if needed; the unit runs over about 4 weeks, so each method should come back in short daily practice (5 minutes of quick facts or one story problem).

1. Facts within 20: checking and speeding up
2. Adding tens and ones
3. Adding when the ones make a new ten
4. Taking away, breaking a ten, and checking by adding
5. One-step and two-step story problems

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- Linking cubes too large to swallow, per pair: 10 towers of ten and 20 loose cubes (lessons 2 to 5). Straw bundles of ten wrapped with tape (no rubber bands, which may contain latex) work as well.
- Two ten-frames and 20 counters per child (lesson 1), in two colours or two kinds of object so colour is not the only clue.
- A tens-and-ones mat per pair: a sheet with a left column for tens and a right column for ones, with a raised line (glued string) between them (lessons 2 to 5).
- A 1 to 100 hundred square per pair, in large print, with optional raised lines between rows (lessons 2 and 4); one large hundred square for the board.
- Fact cards and four strategy cards (double, near double, make ten, what do I add?) per pair for lesson 1 (see lesson 1).
- Optional: a cup marked "ten" per pair (lesson 3, for children who slide ten loose cubes into it instead of snapping), and egg boxes or a 2 by 5 grid of cups for tactile ten-frames (lesson 1).
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair, so children can build and point to two-digit answers (every lesson).
- Story-problem cards for lesson 5 (see lesson 5), with a small picture on each card.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils, for drawings and number sentences.

⚠ Safety and access

- Use cubes and counters too large to swallow; no rubber bands.
- Cube towers and the raised line on the mat let children who are blind or have low vision feel tens and ones; large-print or tactile hundred squares help too.
- Pointing to digit cards, moving cubes, sign, writing or a communication device all count as answers. Story problems are read aloud, so reading is not what is being checked.
- No public timing or races. "Quick" means without counting all from 1, in the child's own way.

Assessment

Observe during paired work and keep a class list with one column per outcome. A one-to-one check (about 5 minutes per child) during the fourth week:

- "What is 8 + 7? How did you work it out?" (15; for example 7 + 7 + 1, or 8 + 2 + 5.) "What is 13 - 5?" (8; for example "5 and what make 13?")

- "What is 43 + 25?" (68: 4 tens and 2 tens are 6 tens, 3 ones and 5 ones are 8 ones.)
- "What is 37 + 48? Show me with cubes or a drawing." (85: 7 ones and 8 ones are 15 ones, which is 1 ten and 5 ones, so 3 + 4 + 1 = 8 tens and 5 ones.)
- "What is 62 - 27? How can you check?" (35: break a ten so there are 5 tens and 12 ones, take 2 tens and 7 ones, leaving 3 tens and 5 ones; check 35 + 27 = 62.)
- "56 leaves were on a branch. The wind blew some away. Now there are 29. How many blew away?" (27; 29 + □ = 56 or 56 - 29 = □.)
- "Duck had 18 pebbles. Duck found 20 more, then gave 9 to Hen. How many pebbles does Duck have now?" (29: 18 + 20 = 38, then 38 - 9 = 29.)

Record yes, with help or not yet for each part. A child who answers correctly by counting in ones has the answer but not yet the tens-and-ones method; note that rather than marking it wrong.

Sources

- Common Core State Standards, Grade 2 Operations and Algebraic Thinking (read to check what is usually expected in grade 2, not to claim alignment): https://web.archive.org/web/2025/https://www.thecorestandards.org/Math/Content/2/OA/
  - 2.OA.A.1 one- and two-step word problems within 100 involving adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, using drawings and equations with a symbol for the unknown; 2.OA.B.2 fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies, and by the end of grade 2 know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers.
- Common Core, Grade 2 Number and Operations in Base Ten: https://web.archive.org/web/2025/https://www.thecorestandards.org/Math/Content/2/NBT/
  - 2.NBT.B.5 fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction; 2.NBT.B.6 add up to four two-digit numbers (lesson 3 stretch only); 2.NBT.B.9 explain why addition and subtraction strategies work, using place value (explanations may be supported by drawings or objects).
- Common Core, Grade 2 introduction (its critical areas include fluency with addition and subtraction within 100): https://web.archive.org/web/2025/https://www.thecorestandards.org/Math/Content/2/introduction/

Known gaps and cautions

- Peer check: Gemini 4 Argon did a script-verified text check at 6e0e80a (keys, working, timings and links; as reported, not an educator or accessibility review) and reported 0 errors (see PEERCHECKS.md).
- Knowing all sums of two one-digit numbers from memory is an end-of-year aim in the source; this unit starts that work, and the daily quick-facts practice should continue all year.
- Odd and even numbers and adding equal groups (2.OA.C.3, 2.OA.C.4) are left for term 2, where the year plan puts equal groups. Three-digit numbers and adding within 1000 are also term 2.
- Problems with the unknown at the start ("Some stamps... now there are 60") are the hardest kind and appear in lesson 5 as a stretch task.
- A written column method is not taught. Children record tens and ones in their own way (drawings of towers and cubes, or splitting numbers into tens and ones); a written method can follow once the meaning is secure.

- The names in story problems (Remy, Duck, Hen, Mouse, Goat, Bear) are the made-up Little Hill characters used in other units. Swap in names and objects that suit your class, but avoid real children's belongings or families.
- The lesson order, timings and examples are my choice, not taken from a source.

Lesson 1: Facts within 20: checking and speeding up

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

About 45 minutes.

Goal

Children recall the grade 1 strategies for facts within 20 (doubles, near doubles, making ten, "what do I add?"), choose one for a given fact, and start answering more facts without counting all from 1.

Materials

- Two ten-frames and 20 counters per child, in two colours or two kinds of object.
- Fact cards per pair: 12 cards, each with one fact on it: 6 + 6, 7 + 8, 9 + 5, 8 + 6, 5 + 6, 9 + 9, 13 - 4, 15 - 8, 12 - 9, 17 - 8, 14 - 7, 11 - 3. Write the answer small on the back.
- Four strategy cards per pair, each with a word and a picture: double (two equal towers), near double (two towers, one cube taller), make ten (a full ten-frame), what do I add? (a question mark).
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Pairs to ten. Show 6 on a ten-frame. "How many more make 10?" (4.) Repeat with 3 (7), 8 (2), 1 (9) and 5 (5). Children answer with fingers, counters or digit cards.

✎ Main activity (32 min)

1. **Remember the strategies (10 min).** Work one fact of each kind on the board with ten-frames:
    - 7 + 7 = 14 (double).
    - 7 + 8 = 7 + 7 + 1 = 15 (near double).
    - 9 + 6: move 1 counter across to fill the first frame, so 10 + 5 = 15 (make ten).
    - 13 - 9: "9 and what make 13?" 9 + 1 = 10, then 3 more, so 4 (what do I add?).
2. **Sort the facts (12 min).** Pairs lay out the four strategy cards and put each fact card under the strategy they would use, then work it out and check the back. More than one place can be right (8 + 6 can be a near double, 7 + 7, or make ten, 8 + 2 + 4). Answers: 6 + 6 = 12, 7 + 8 = 15, 9 + 5 = 14, 8 + 6 = 14, 5 + 6 = 11, 9 + 9 = 18, 13 - 4 = 9, 15 - 8 = 7, 12 - 9 = 3, 17 - 8 = 9, 14 - 7 = 7, 11 - 3 = 8.
3. **Quick facts game (10 min).** Pairs shuffle the fact cards face down. One child turns a card and answers in their own way; the partner checks the back. If the answer took a

long count, the pair talks about which strategy would be quicker next time. Swap after each card. No timing and no scores.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers)

- Why is 7 + 8 easy if you know 7 + 7? 8 is one more than 7, so the answer is one more than 14: 15.
- For 12 - 9, why is "what do I add?" quicker than counting back 9? 9 is close to 12; adding up from 9 to 12 is just 3 steps.
- Can a fact belong to more than one strategy? Yes; any strategy that gives the right answer works.

✓ Closing check (8 min, with answers)

Each child answers on a whiteboard, with digit cards or by pointing: "7 + 8" (15), "14 - 6" (8; 6 and 8 make 14), "9 + 6" (15). Then one child at a time quietly tells the teacher which strategy they used for one of the three.

Vocabulary

double, near double, make ten, fact, strategy

Differentiation

- **Support:** stay with doubles and make ten for sums to 14, using ten-frames.
- **Stretch:** make a fact card of your own for each strategy, and explain why 6 + 8 can be solved as a double of 7 (take 1 from 8 and give it to 6: 7 + 7 = 14).
- Ten-frames can be made tactile (counters in an egg box or a 2 by 5 grid of cups). Fact cards can be read aloud by the partner or made in large print or braille.

⚠ Safety

Use counters too large to swallow.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children still count all from 1. That is fine in this lesson; note who does, and give them daily make-ten and doubles practice.
- "What do I add?" is a way to think about a take-away, not a different operation. Saying both ("13 take away 9 is 4, because 9 and 4 make 13") helps.

Lesson 2: Adding tens and ones

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1 - Next: Lesson 3

About 45 minutes.

Goal

Children add two two-digit numbers where the ones do not make a new ten, by adding tens with tens and ones with ones, using cubes, a tens-and-ones mat and the hundred square.

Materials

- Per pair: 10 towers of ten linking cubes, 20 loose cubes, a tens-and-ones mat and a hundred square.
- A large hundred square for the board.
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

10 more and 10 less. Point to 47 on the big hundred square. "What is 10 more?" (57, the square below.) "10 less?" (37, the square above.) Repeat with 62 (72, 52) and 18 (28, 8).

✎ Main activity (30 min)

1. **Build both numbers (10 min).** On the board: 34 + 25. Build 34 (3 towers, 4 loose cubes) and 25 (2 towers, 5 loose) on the mat, towers on the tens side and loose cubes on the ones side. "Tens with tens: 3 tens and 2 tens are 5 tens. Ones with ones: 4 and 5 are 9. 5 tens and 9 ones is 59." Pairs build and add:
    - 42 + 36 (78)
    - 51 + 27 (78)
    - 23 + 45 (68)
2. **Hundred square jumps (10 min).** Show 34 + 25 on the big hundred square: start at 34, jump down 2 rows for 2 tens (44, 54), then 5 squares along for 5 ones (55, 56, 57, 58, 59). Pairs use their own squares for 23 + 45 and check it matches the cubes (68). Then 60 + 38 (98: start at 60, jump down 3 rows to 90, then 8 along to 98).
3. **Record it your own way (10 min).** Children write or draw one of their sums: drawings of towers and cubes, or splitting into tens and ones (34 + 25: 30 + 20 = 50, 4 + 5 = 9, 50 + 9 = 59). Any clear record counts.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers)

- Why do we put tens with tens and ones with ones? They are different sizes; 5 tens and 9 ones is 59, but adding 3 to 5 as if both were ones would give the wrong number.
- On the hundred square, why does jumping down one row add 10? Each row has ten squares, so the square below is always 10 more.
- Does 25 + 34 give the same answer as 34 + 25? Yes, 59; the order does not change the total.

✓ Closing check (10 min, with answers)

"Show me 32 + 46 with cubes or on the hundred square, then show the answer with digit cards." (78.) Then "14 + 53." (67.) Note who adds tens and ones and who counts every cube in ones.

Vocabulary

tens, ones, tower, loose cubes, hundred square, row

Differentiation

- **Support:** add a multiple of ten first (34 + 20 = 54), then a two-digit number with small ones (34 + 21 = 55).
- **Stretch:** find two different pairs of two-digit numbers that add to 79 without making a new ten (for example 45 + 34 and 23 + 56).
- Children who are blind or have low vision can feel the towers and loose cubes on either side of the raised line on the mat; the hundred square can be a large-print or tactile copy, or skipped in favour of cubes.

⚠ Safety

Use cubes too large to swallow.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Some children add all four digits together (3 + 4 + 2 + 5 = 14). Building with towers and loose cubes shows why that does not work.
- Keep to sums where the ones total 9 or less in this lesson; lesson 3 deals with making a new ten.

Lesson 3: Adding when the ones make a new ten

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2 - Next: Lesson 4

About 45 minutes.

Goal

Children add two two-digit numbers where the ones make a new ten, by joining ten loose cubes into a tower, and explain why the tens go up by one.

Materials

- Per pair: 10 towers of ten linking cubes, 20 loose cubes and a tens-and-ones mat.
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Make ten with loose cubes. Show 8 loose cubes and 5 loose cubes. "How many ones? Can we make a ten?" (13 ones: snap 10 into a tower, leaving 3, so 1 ten and 3 ones.) Repeat with 7 and 6 (13: 1 ten and 3 ones) and 9 and 9 (18: 1 ten and 8 ones).

✎ Main activity (30 min)

1. **A new ten (12 min).** On the board: 38 + 25. Build both numbers on the mat. "Tens: 3 and 2 are 5 tens. Ones: 8 and 5 are 13 ones. That is too many to leave loose: snap 10 of them into a tower and move it to the tens side. Now 6 tens and 3 ones: 63." Pairs build and add:
    - 47 + 26 (73)
    - 29 + 34 (63)
    - 56 + 18 (74)
2. **Say why (8 min).** Each pair explains one sum to another pair using the cubes: "7 ones and 6 ones are 13 ones. 10 ones make a new ten, so there are 4 + 2 + 1 = 7 tens and 3 ones: 73."
3. **Ones exactly ten (10 min).** 45 + 45. Ones: 5 and 5 are 10, which makes a whole new ten with no loose ones left. Tens: 4 + 4 + 1 = 9 tens, 0 ones:
4. Pairs try 36 + 24 (60) and 17 + 53 (70), then record one sum in their own way.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers)

- Why does the tens number go up by one in 38 + 25? The 13 ones contain a full ten, which joins the other tens.

- Why is 45 + 45 not "8 tens and 10 ones"? 10 ones is the same as 1 ten, so we write it as 9 tens and 0 ones: 90.
- How can you tell before adding whether the ones will make a new ten? If the two ones digits add to 10 or more.

✓ Closing check (10 min, with answers)

"Show me 27 + 35 with cubes or a drawing and tell me or a partner what happened to the ones." (62: 7 and 5 are 12 ones, a new ten and 2 ones, so 2 + 3 + 1 = 6 tens and 2 ones.) Then, with digit cards, "48 + 16." (64.)

Vocabulary

new ten, snap, too many ones, exchange

Differentiation

- **Support:** start with a two-digit number plus a one-digit number that makes a new ten (27 + 5 = 32, as in grade 1), then 27 + 15.
- **Stretch:** add four two-digit numbers by finding friendly pairs: 12 + 30 + 18 + 20 (12 + 18 = 30, then 30 + 30 + 20 = 80).
- Children who cannot snap cubes can slide ten loose cubes into a cup marked "ten" instead; an adult or partner can build while the child directs.

⚠ Safety

Use cubes too large to swallow.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- A common error is writing 513 for 38 + 25 (5 tens, then 13 ones). Ask "Is this more than 100? Is that sensible?" and rebuild with cubes.
- "Exchange" is optional vocabulary; "snap ten ones into a ten" is enough.

Lesson 4: Taking away, breaking a ten, and checking by adding

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3 - Next: Lesson 5

About 45 minutes.

Goal

Children take away a two-digit number from a two-digit number, break a ten into ten ones when there are not enough ones, check by adding, and count up when the two numbers are close.

Materials

- Per pair: 10 towers of ten linking cubes, 20 loose cubes, a tens-and-ones mat and a hundred square.
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Take away tens. "70 - 30?" (40.) "85 - 20?" (65.) "56 - 10?" (46.) Children use towers or the hundred square (jump up a row for each ten).

✎ Main activity (32 min)

1. **Enough ones (7 min).** 68 - 25: build 68, take away 2 towers and 5 loose cubes, leaving 4 towers and 3 cubes: 43. Pairs try 79 - 34 (45).
2. **Breaking a ten (12 min).** 52 - 17: build 52 (5 towers, 2 loose). "We need to take 7 ones but have only 2. Break one tower into 10 loose cubes: now 4 tens and 12 ones. Take 7 ones: 5 left. Take 1 ten: 3 tens left. 3 tens and 5 ones: 35." Pairs try:
    - 43 - 18 (25)
    - 60 - 24 (36: break a tower, so 5 tens and 10 ones; take 4 ones, leaving 6; take 2 tens, leaving 3)
3. **Check by adding (6 min).** "If 52 - 17 = 35, then 35 + 17 should be 52." Pairs put the 35 and the 17 back together with cubes (35 + 17 = 52, a new ten made from 5 and 7 ones), then check 25 + 18 = 43 and 36 + 24 = 60.
4. **Close numbers: count up (7 min).** 61 - 58: taking away 58 cubes is slow. "58 and what make 61?" On the hundred square: 58 to 60 is 2, 60 to 61 is 1, so 3. Pairs try 72 - 69 (3) and 40 - 37 (3).

✓ Discussion questions (with answers)

- Why do we break a ten in 52 - 17? There are only 2 ones and we need to take 7; one ten becomes 10 ones, giving 12.
- How does adding check a take-away? If we put back what we took away, we should get the number we started with.
- When is counting up quicker than taking away? When the two numbers are close together, like 61 and 58.

✓ Closing check (8 min, with answers)

"Show me 54 - 28 with cubes or a drawing, then check it by adding." (26: break a ten so there are 4 tens and 14 ones; take 8 ones, leaving 6; take 2 tens, leaving 2 tens; check 26 + 28 = 54.) Answer with digit cards, cubes, words or a drawing.

Vocabulary

take away, break a ten, check, count up, difference

Differentiation

- **Support:** stay with take-aways that need no breaking (68 - 25), then a one-digit number that needs breaking (32 - 5 = 27).
- **Stretch:** explain why 50 - 26 and 54 - 30 give the same answer (24 both times: adding 4 to both numbers keeps the difference the same).
- An adult or partner can break and move towers while the child directs; a child can answer by pointing to digit cards.

⚠ Safety

Use cubes too large to swallow.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- The most common error is taking the smaller ones digit from the larger (52 - 17 giving 45, because "7 take away 2 is 5"). Building 52 and trying to take 7 loose cubes shows why that does not work.
- Keep "borrowing" out of the language; "break a ten into ten ones" says what happens.

Lesson 5: One-step and two-step story problems

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

About 45 minutes.

Goal

Children solve one-step story problems within 100 of the five kinds and two-step story problems, by drawing the story and writing a number sentence with a box for the unknown.

Materials

- Story-problem cards (one set per pair; the problems are in the steps below), each with a small picture, read aloud by the teacher or a partner.
- Per pair: 10 towers of ten linking cubes, 20 loose cubes and a tens-and-ones mat.
- Two sets of digit cards 0 to 9 per pair.
- Whiteboards and pens, or paper and pencils.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Quick facts from lesson 1: "8 + 5?" (13.) "16 - 9?" (7.) "6 + 7?" (13.)

✎ Main activity (32 min)

1. **Draw the story (10 min).** Read: "Remy had 36 shells and found 27 more. How many shells now?" Draw a long bar split into two parts, 36 and 27, with a box above the whole bar. Write 36 + 27 = □. Solve with cubes or tens and ones (63). Then: "The Little Hill shop had 54 apples. Some were sold. Now there are 38. How many were sold?" Draw a bar for 54 split into 38 and a box. Write 38 + □ = 54 or 54 - 38 = □ (16).
2. **Problem cards (14 min).** Pairs read each card (or have it read to them), draw the story, write a number sentence with a box, and solve:
    - "45 boats are in the harbour. 28 are red and the rest are blue. How many are blue?" (17; 28 + □ = 45.)
    - "Hen has 62 seeds. Mouse has 25 fewer seeds than Hen. How many seeds does Mouse have?" (37; 62 - 25 = □.)
    - "Goat picked 71 apples and Duck picked 48. How many more did Goat pick?" (23; 48 + □ = 71.)
    - Stretch: "Bear had some stamps. Bear got 25 more. Now Bear has 60. How many stamps did Bear have at the start?" (35; □ + 25 = 60.)
3. **Two steps (8 min).** "Bear had 40 berries, ate 12, then picked 25 more. How many berries now?" Draw two steps: 40 - 12 = 28, then 28 + 25 = 53. Pairs try: "23 people

are on the Little Hill bus. 15 get on and 9 get off. How many are on the bus now?" (29: 23 + 15 = 38, then 38 - 9 = 29.)

✓ Discussion questions (with answers)

- In the apple problem, why can we add or take away? The 38 apples left and the apples sold make the 54 we started with; 38 + □ = 54 and 54 - 38 = □ find the same missing part.
- "Mouse has 25 fewer" has the word "fewer". Do we add or take away? Take away: Mouse has less than Hen, so 62 - 25.
- How do you know a problem has two steps? Two things happen, one after the other, and we need the first answer to do the second.

✓ Closing check (8 min, with answers)

Read aloud: "Duck had 34 pebbles and found 19 more. Then Duck gave 20 to Hen. How many pebbles does Duck have now?" Children draw the story and answer with digit cards, cubes, words or a drawing. (33: 34 + 19 = 53, then 53 - 20 = 33.)

Vocabulary

story problem, bar, part, whole, unknown, fewer, more than, two steps

Differentiation

- **Support:** one-step problems with numbers to 50 that do not make or break a ten; act the story out with cubes before drawing.
- **Stretch:** write a two-step story problem for a partner, with the answer on the back.
- Story cards can be in large print or braille, read aloud, or acted with objects; the bar can be built from cube towers instead of drawn. Answers can be given by pointing or with a communication device.

⚠ Safety

Use cubes too large to swallow.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Key words can mislead: "more" appears in "How many more did Goat pick?", which is a take-away or missing-part problem. Drawing the story is more reliable than hunting for words.
- The bar drawing is one way to show a story; any drawing that shows the parts and the whole works.