

# Tap 'n' Hit

## TREND TASK

**Approach:** Open space

**Level:** Year 4 and year 8

**Focus:** Batting.

**Resources:** Tap'n'hit machine, 3 balls, plastic baseball bat, 4 bibs..

**Questions/instructions:**

1. Grip the bat with **two** hands.

Face the machine.

Tap the lever with the bat and hit the ball (not too hard).

2. You have 3 goes.



		% responses	
		2002 ('98)	2002 ('98)
		year 4	year 8
<b>First ball:</b>	hit solidly	16 (18)	26 (37)
	sliced off edge	15 (14)	17 (11)
	missed	69 (68)	57 (52)
<b>Second ball:</b>	hit solidly	23 (19)	35 (28)
	sliced off edge	16 (17)	17 (24)
	missed	61 (64)	48 (48)
<b>Third ball:</b>	hit solidly	25 (21)	41 (39)
	sliced off edge	17 (14)	16 (18)
	missed	58 (64)	43 (43)
<b>Was the equipment used competently?</b> (to get ball to comfortable hitting height)			
	yes, consistently	28 (24)	37 (47)
	sometimes	50 (54)	48 (43)
	no	22 (22)	15 (10)
<b>Total score:</b>	10-12	12 (11)	27 (28)
	8-9	21 (17)	22 (20)
	6-7	38 (41)	32 (39)
	4-5	28 (28)	18 (11)
	0-3	1 (3)	1 (2)

**Commentary:**

Student performance improved across the three trials as students got used to the equipment. About 10 percent more year 8 than year 4 students succeeded well with the task. Performance was no different in 2002 than it was in 1998.