

Approach: One to one

Focus: Demonstrating understanding of number operations

Resources: Ngā kārī e 7, kia 25 ngā mataono rite

Kupu:

Questions / instructions:

E whā aku pātai pāngarau hei whakamārama māu.

Whakatenatena i te ākongā ki te whakamahi i ngā mataono rite, ki te whakamārama hoki i ana whakautu.**Whakaaturia ngā kārī 1a me 1b.**

$4 + 2$

$2 + 4$

1. He ōrite te otinga o te 2 tāpiri i te 4, me te 4 tāpiri i te 2? Whakamāramatia mai. Whakamahia ngā mataono hei āwhina i tō whakamārama.

PĀTAI ĀWHINA: *Whakamāramatia mai, he aha i pēnā ai tō whakautu?*
Whakamāramatia mai
ō whakaaro.

same

any other response

Strategy:

only 6 cubes, conceptual
 didn't see the need to rearrange;
 argues that the number of blocks doesn't
 change however they are arranged

only 6 cubes

rearranges order and argues that order
 doesn't affect number of blocks

only 6 cubes (rearranges order and
 focusses on answer (counts 6 each time))

12 cubes (argues that they are mirror
 images (switched around), so are the same.)

12 cubes and counts 6 each time

doesn't use cubes at all
 argues clearly that if you had piles of 2
 and 4 cubes the total would stay the
 same however the piles are organised.

doesn't use cubes, physically or conceptually
 says $2 + 4 = 6$ and $4 + 2 = 6$

Whakaaturia ngā kārī 2a me 2b.

2. He ōrite te otinga o te 4 tangohia te 2, me te 2 tangohia te 4? Whakamāramatia mai. Whakamahia ngā mataono hei āwhina i tō whakamārama.

$4 - 2$

$2 - 4$

PĀTAI ĀWHINA: *Whakamāramatia mai, he aha i pēnā ai tō whakautu?*
Whakamāramatia mai
ō whakaaro.

different

any other response

Strategy:

uses 4 cubes

(explains, without physically removing cubes;
 that you can take 2 from 4 but you can't take 4 from 2)

uses 4 cubes (shows that you have 2 left when you
 take 2 from 4, but that you cannot take 4 from 2 (or -2))

uses 6 cubes (sets out piles of 4 and 2;
 takes 2 away from pile of 4, leaving two; tries to
 take 4 away from pile of 2, can't do it (or -2))

doesn't use cubes at all
 says that $4 - 2$ is 2, while $2 - 4$ is 2 (same)

doesn't use cubes at all
 says that $4 - 2$ is 2, but $2 - 4$ you can't do (or -2)

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response**Whakaaturia ngā kārī 3a me 3b.**

3. He ōrite te otinga o te 4 whakareatia ki te 3, me te 3 whakareatia ki te 4? Whakamāramatia mai. Whakamahia ngā mataono hei āwhina i tō whakamārama.

3×4

4×3

PĀTAI ĀWHINA: *Whakamāramatia mai, he aha i pēnā ai tō whakautu?*
Whakamāramatia mai
ō whakaaro.

same

Strategy:

uses 12 cubes

Sets out 3 groups of 4 cubes; says that the
 same thing can be seen two ways: as 3 groups
 of 4 or as 4 groups of 3; therefore the same.

uses 12 cubes

sets out 3 groups of 4, rearranged into
 4 groups of 3; says must be the same

uses 12 cubes

sets out 3 groups of 4 cubes; counts 12;
 rearranges into 4 groups of 3 cubes, counts 12

uses 24 cubes

sets out 3 groups of 4 cubes; sets out
 another 12, in 4 groups of 3 cubes;
 shows number of blocks are the same

uses 24 cubes

sets out 3 groups of 4 cubes, counts 12;
 sets out another 12, in 4 groups
 of 3 cubes, counts 12

doesn't use cubes

says 3×4 is 12; 4×3 is 12, therefore same.

Whakaaturia te kārī 4. Kāore e whakamahia ngā mataono mō tēnei o ngā pātai.

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4. He aha tētahi tau, mēnā ka tāpirihia atu ki te 8, ka tangohia rānei i te 8, ko te 8 tonu te otinga?

gives 0

(number used in addition or subtraction)

5. He aha tētahi tau, mēnā ka whakareatia te 8 ki taua tau, ka wehea rānei te 8 ki taua tau, ko te 8 tonu te otinga?

gives 1

(number used in multiplication or division)

Commentary:

Overall, students performed very well in questions 1-3 of this task which required an understanding of how the commutative property applies to addition, subtraction and multiplication. Just over half of the students were successful in questions 4 and 5.