## Unlock the Puzzle

## with RightStart ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Math


based on the work of Dr. Joan A. Cotter


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Now try to visualize 5 as red and 3 as green.

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## Grouping by 5s



Need grouping to visualize quantities.

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Cotter Abacus


- Visual and tactile manipulative
- Develops mental images of

Quantities
Strategies
Mathematical Operations


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Games provide interesting repetition needed for automatic responses in a social setting.
More importantly, games provide an application for the new information!

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## Go to the Dump Game

- App for your device


Go to Ten

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## Place Value

- The author of Treviso Arithmetic of 1478, written over 500 years ago, considered place value so important that it was listed first among the "five" operations of arithmetic.
- Place value organizes numbers into neat packets.
- Without place value, computational algorithms make little sense.


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Transparent Number Naming

| $10=$ ten | $20=2$-ten |
| :---: | :---: |
| $11=\operatorname{ten} 1$ | $21=2-\operatorname{ten} 1$ |
| $12=\operatorname{ten} 2$ | $22=2-\operatorname{ten} 2$ |
| $13=\operatorname{ten} 3$ | $23=2-\operatorname{ten} 3$ |
| $14=\operatorname{ten} 4$ |  |
| $19=$ ten 9 | $99=9-\operatorname{ten} 9$ |



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Transparent Place Value
3-ten 6


## Transparent Number Naming

- Use this for two reasons:

1. Patterning

3 million
3 thousand
3 hundred
3 ten


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## Transparent Number Naming

- Just as reciting the alphabet doesn't teach reading, counting doesn't teach arithmetic.
- Just as we first teach the sound of the letters, we first teach the name of the quantity (math way).

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## Transparent Number Naming

- Asian languages use the math way of number naming.
- The children understand place value in first grade; only half of U.S. children understand place value at the end of fourth grade.
- Mathematics is the science of patterns. The patterned math way of number naming greatly helps children learn number sense.


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## Strategy: Complete the Ten

$9+5=$ $\qquad$


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## Strategies

A strategy is a way to learn a new fact or recall a forgotten fact.

A visual representation is a powerful strategy.

Strategy: Complete the Ten
$9+5=\underline{14}$


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## Strategy: Two Fives

$8+6=14$



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## Subtraction Strategies

- Part from Ten
- All from Ten
- Going Up


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## Strategy: Part from Ten



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Ring Around the Product Game


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Fractions


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| Partial Chart |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  |
| 25 |  | 25 |  | 25 |  | 25 |  |
| $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ |

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## Partial Chart

| $100 \phi$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $50 \phi$ |  | $50 \phi$ |  |  |  |  |
| $25 \phi$ | $25 \phi$ |  | $25 \phi$ |  | $25 \phi$ |  |
| $12 \frac{1}{2} \phi$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| $12 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ | $10 \phi$ |

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Simplifying Fractions

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 40 |
| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
| 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
| 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 35 | 42 | 49 | 56 | 63 | 70 |
| 8 | 16 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 | 80 |
| 9 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 45 | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 | 90 |
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

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Simplifying Fractions

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| 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 40 |
| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
| 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
| 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 35 | 42 | 49 | 56 | 63 | 70 |
| 8 | 16 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 | 80 |
| 9 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 45 | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 | 90 |
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |$\quad . \quad 4$

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## Fraction Chart



What is $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{2} ? \frac{1}{6}$ That's multiplying fractions!
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## RightStart ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Mathematics

- Uses the abacus to develop visualization.
- Teaches topics in different ways with different approaches.
- Fractions are presented in a linear format.
- Games are the practice and review.
- Uses over 20 different manipulatives.
- Arranged in levels rather than grades.

Fraction Chart


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## Effective Math Users

"...The now well established fact that those who are mathematically effective in daily life seldom make use 'in their heads' of the standard written methods which are taught in the classroom."
W. H. Cockroft, 1982
eminent mathematics educator in England

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## In Conclusion ...

Math needs to be taught so 95 percent is understood and only 5 percent memorized.

Richard Skemp

- major pioneer in
mathematics education


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