

New Ways of Teaching and Learning Basic Arithmetic Using Visualizable Strategies

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Number Sense

- Confusion often due to vague understanding of what numbers mean and how they relate to each other.
- Attempt to solve with rote memorization.

$$7 + 6 = 13$$

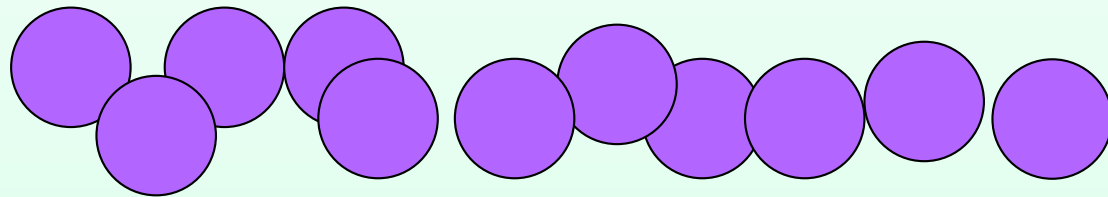
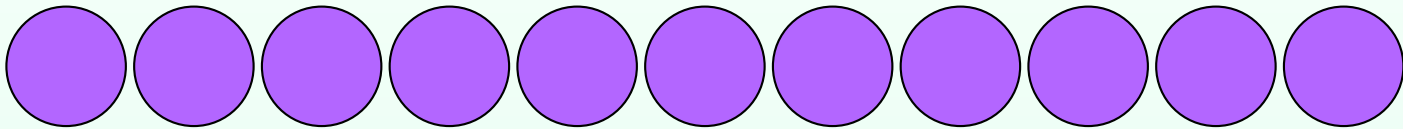
$$7 - 6 = 1$$

$$7 \times 6 = 42$$

Experience Counting Process

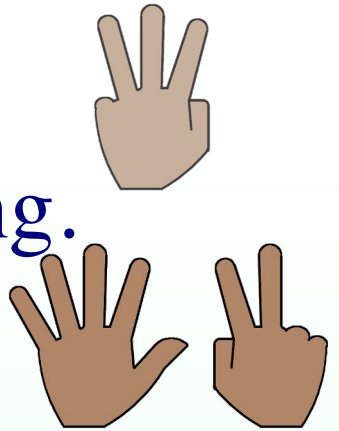
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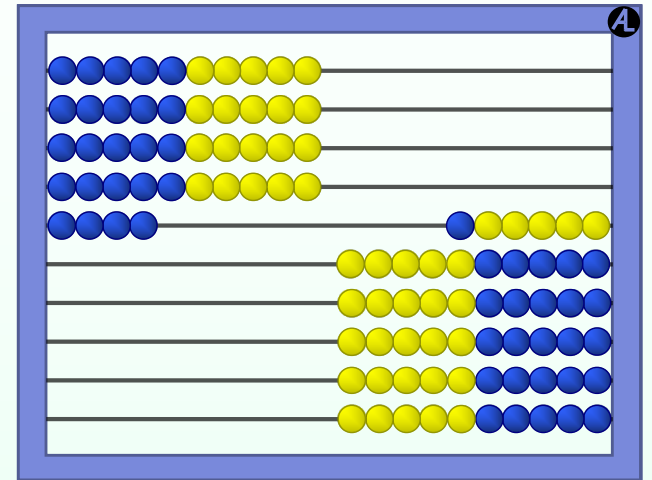
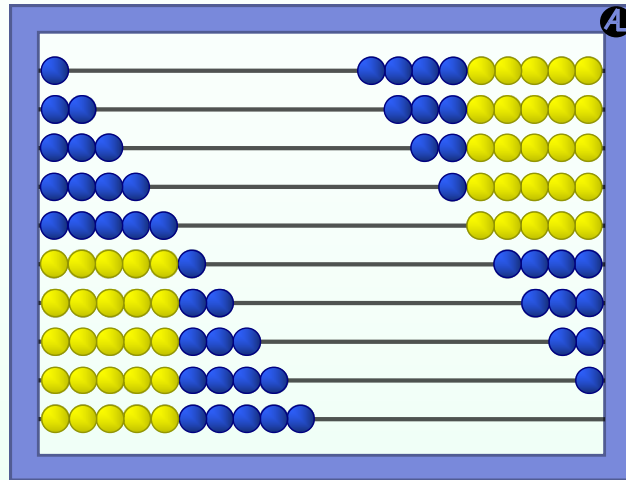
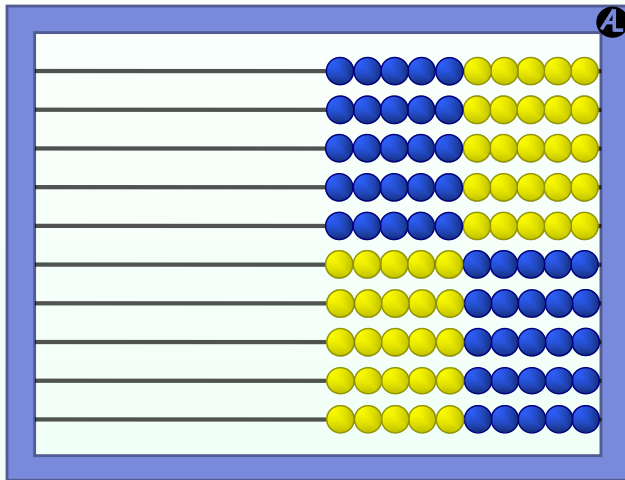


Subitizing, Visualizing, Strategies

- **Subitizing** is the rapid and confident recognition of quantity without counting.
- Need grouping in 5s and 10s.
- **Visualizing** is the ability to form a mental image; to imagine; to see it in your mind.
- **Strategies** are a way to learn a new fact or to recall a forgotten fact; creates organization.
- Visual representations = powerful strategies.

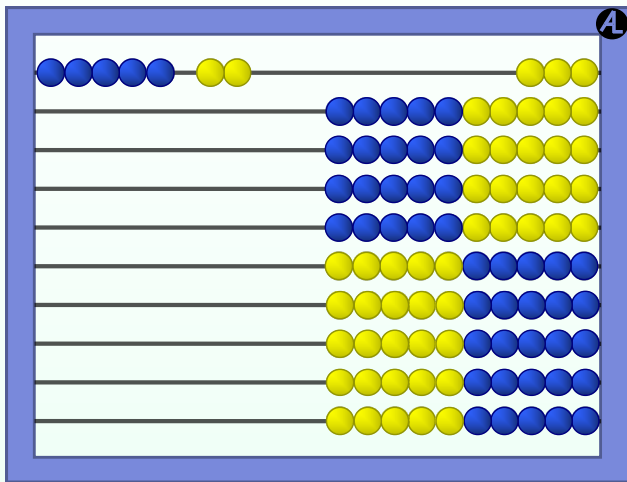


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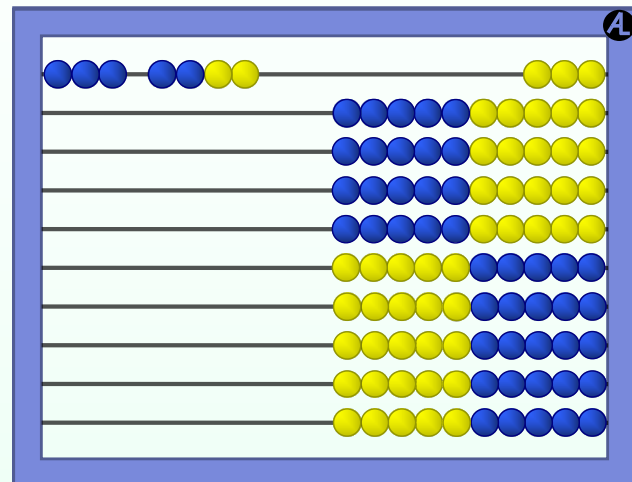


Addition

$$5 + 2 = 7$$

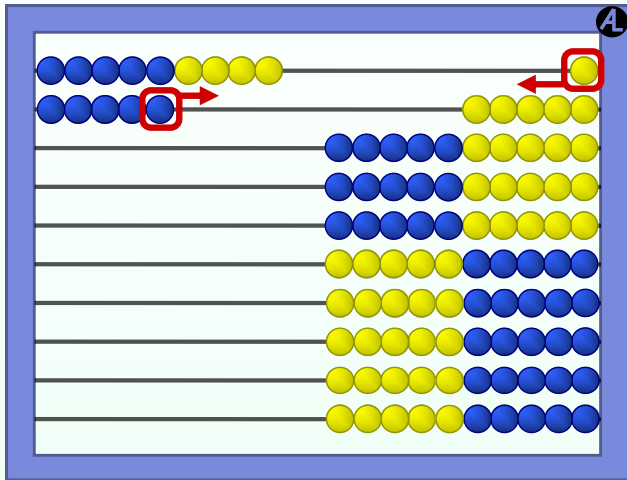


$$3 + 4 = 7$$

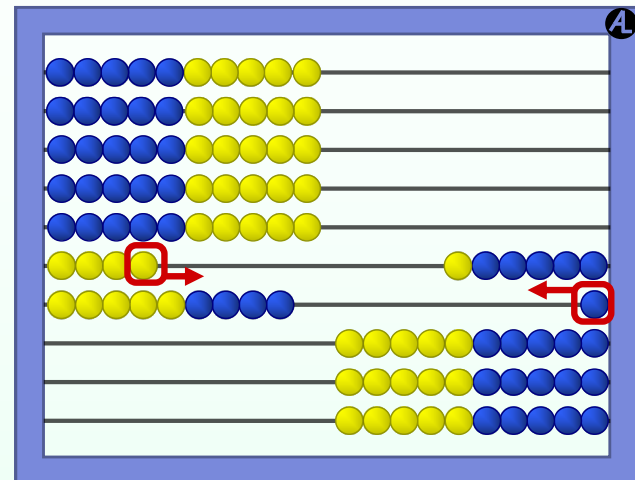


Addition Strategies

$$9 + 5 = 14$$



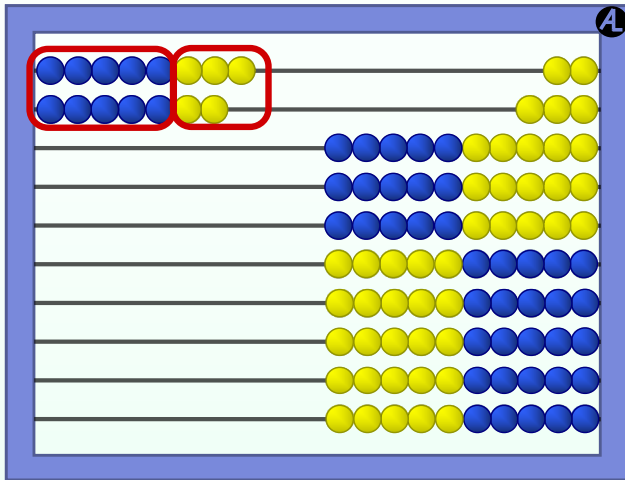
$$54 + 9 = 63$$



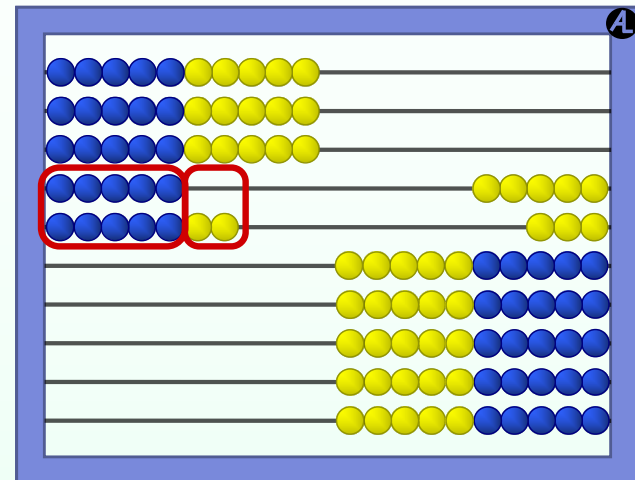
Complete the Ten Strategy

Addition Strategies

$$8 + 7 = 15$$



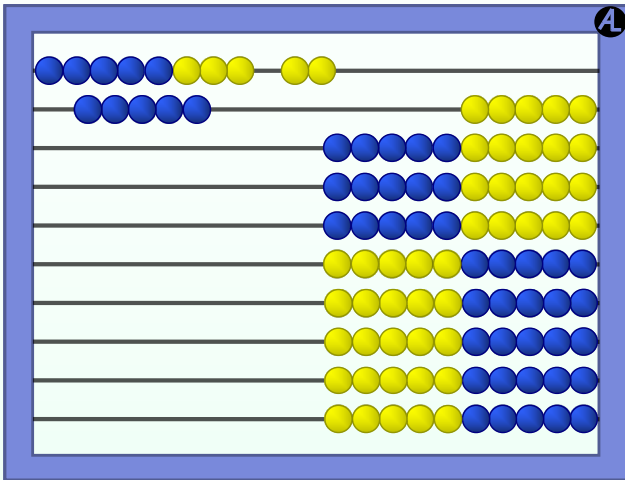
$$35 + 7 = 42$$



Two Fives Strategy

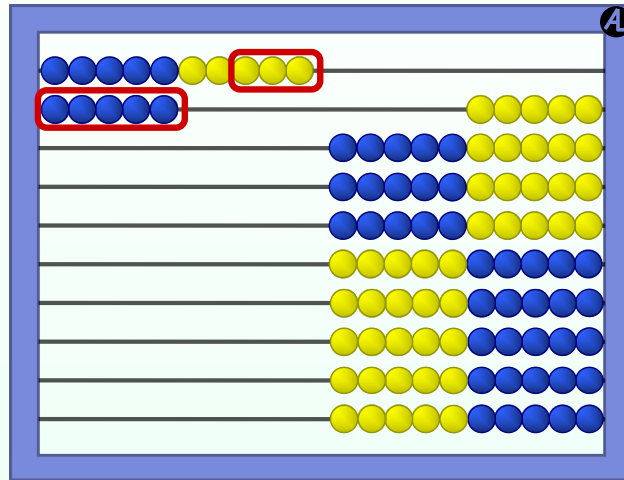
Subtraction Strategies

$$15 - 8 = 7$$



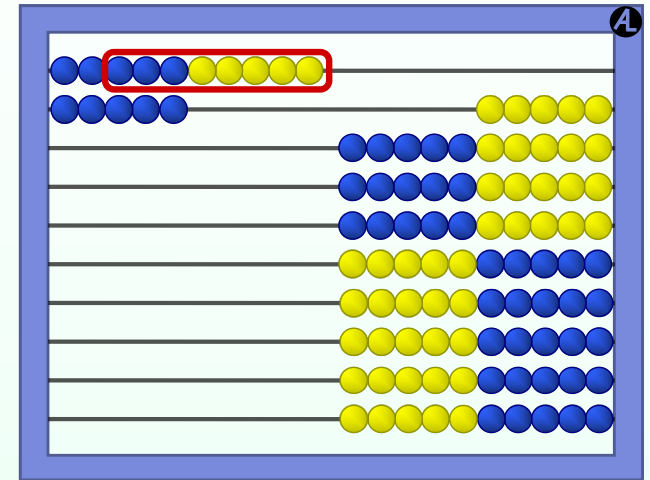
Going Up

$$15 - 8 = 7$$



Taking Part
from Ten

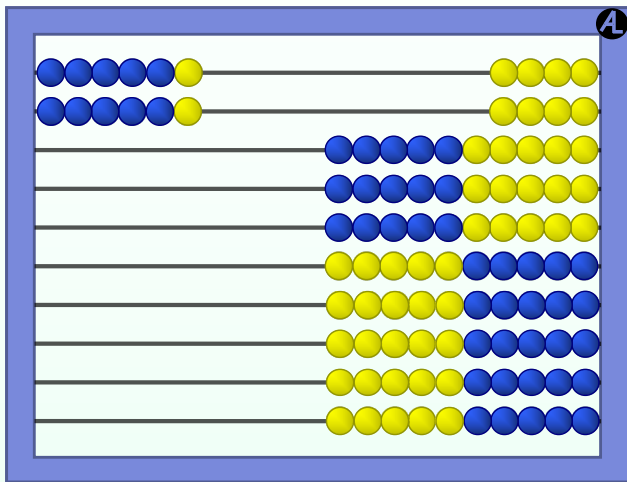
$$15 - 8 = 7$$



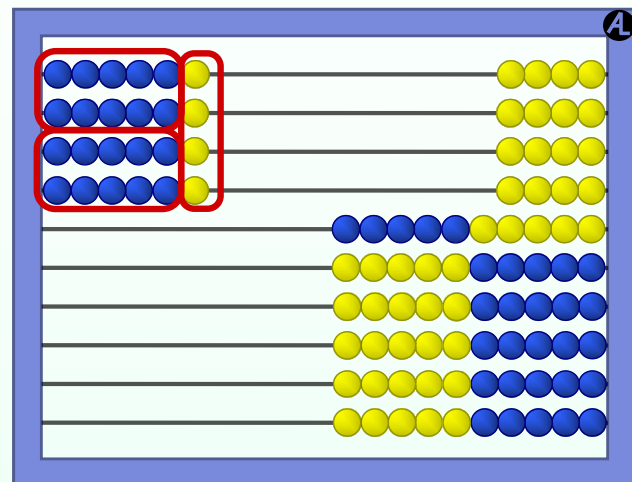
Taking All
from Ten

Multiplication

$$6 \times 2 = 12$$

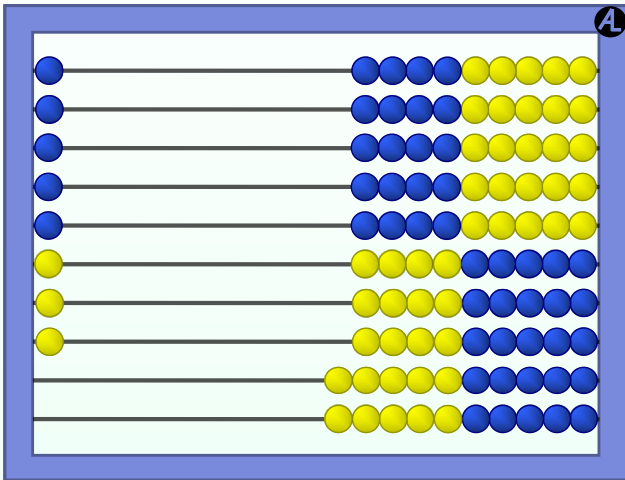


$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

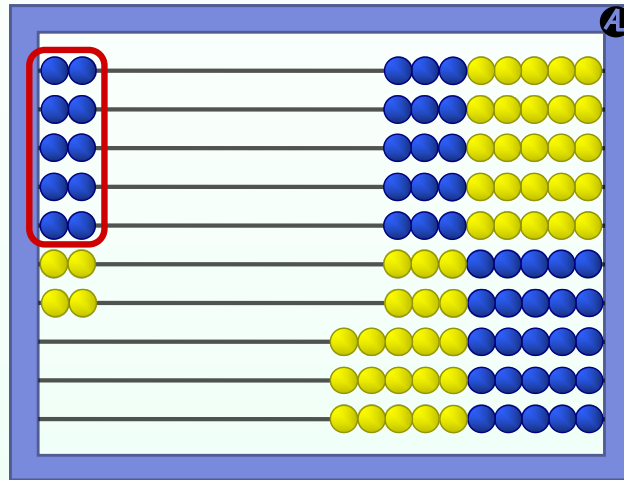


Multiplication

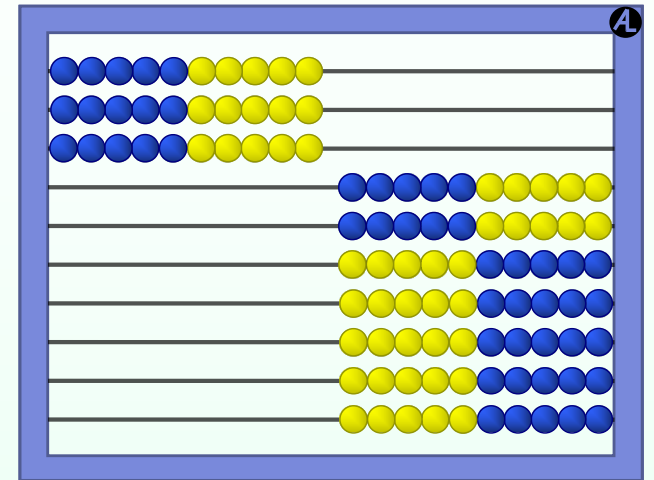
$$1 \times 8 = 8$$



$$2 \times 7 = 14$$

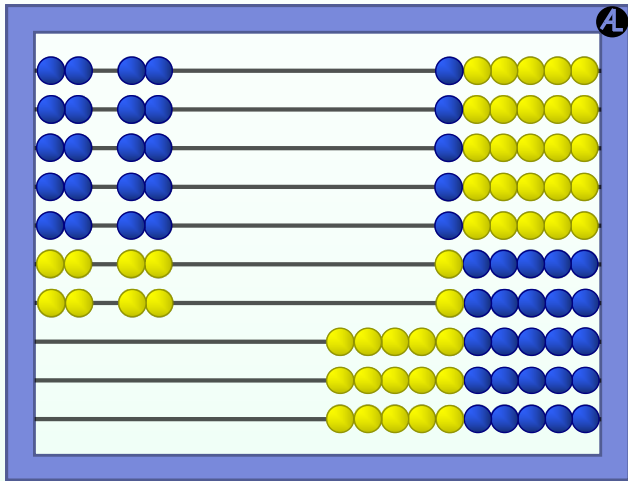


$$10 \times 3 = 30$$

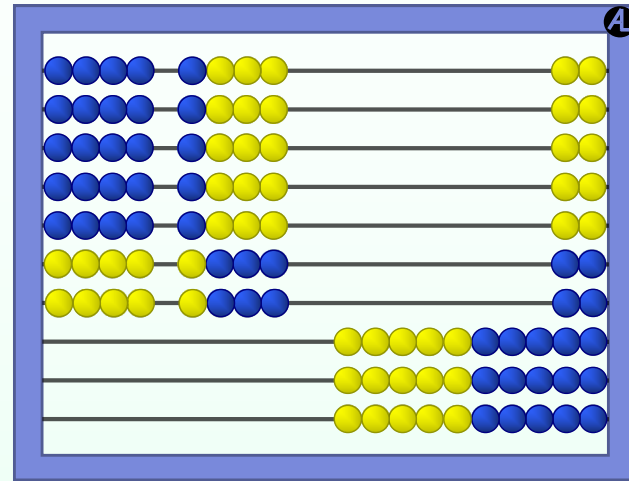


Multiplication Strategies

$$4 \times 7 = 2 \times 7 \text{ doubled}$$

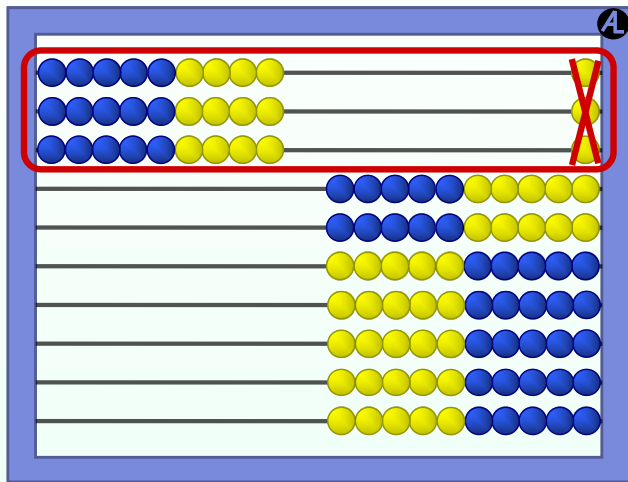


$$8 \times 7 = 4 \times 7 \text{ doubled}$$

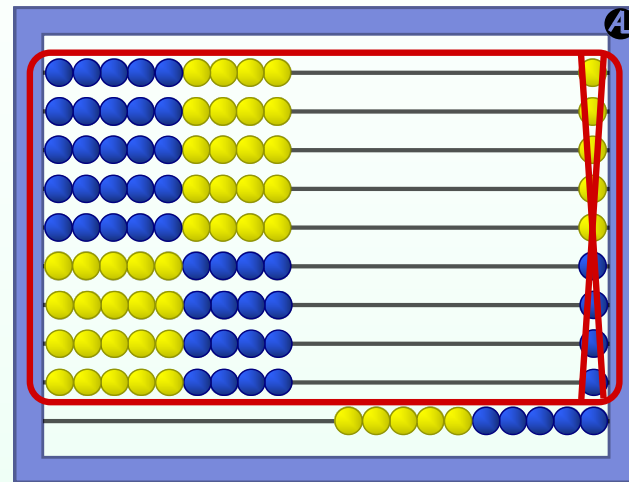


Multiplication Strategies

$$9 \times 3 = 30 - 3$$



$$9 \times 9 = 90 - 9$$



Summary

- 5s and 10s are the foundation for subitizing.
- Subitizing is the foundation for visual representations.
- Visual representations strengthen strategies.
- Visual representations and strategies gives answers in a format that can be easily recalled.
- We need to teach the basic arithmetic facts so that children develop a reliance on subitizing, strategies, and visualization.

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