

Pick the apples game

Age: 4-7 whole class mental starter

Duration: 10 mins

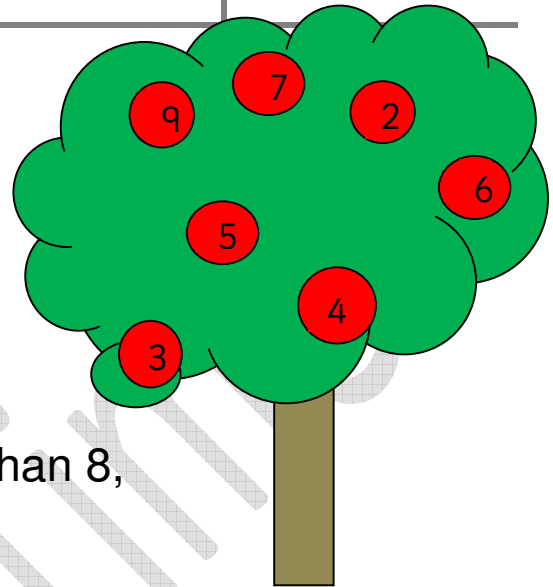


You need to draw a simple tree with about 15 apples on it.

Write a number on each apple.

For younger children use a glove puppet e.g. a squirrel.

Tell them the squirrel is going to pick the apples. He wants the one with the number that is one more than 8, which apple will he pick?



If children have number fans they can all hold up their answer.

Use larger numbers and more complicated calculations for older children.

e.g. I'm going to pick the apple which is 3 tens and 5 units.

e.g. The apple I am going to pick is an even number and a multiple of 5.

The correct guesser comes out and rubs off the apple.

Invite a child to come out to choose apples for the others to guess.

