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# Assessment in Power Maths



### What does assessment look like in Power Maths?



Assessment is integrated throughout the Power Maths lessons and unit structure. This helps you to make regular assessments of children's understanding to inform your teaching and measure progress. For children, assessment is a chance for them to review key concepts and reflect on their learning.

Opportunities for assessment include:

- Formative assessment within every lesson
- Summative assessment at the end of each unit, half-term and year
- Teacher notes that help you identify and address misconceptions
- Unit assessment grids to help you to track progress

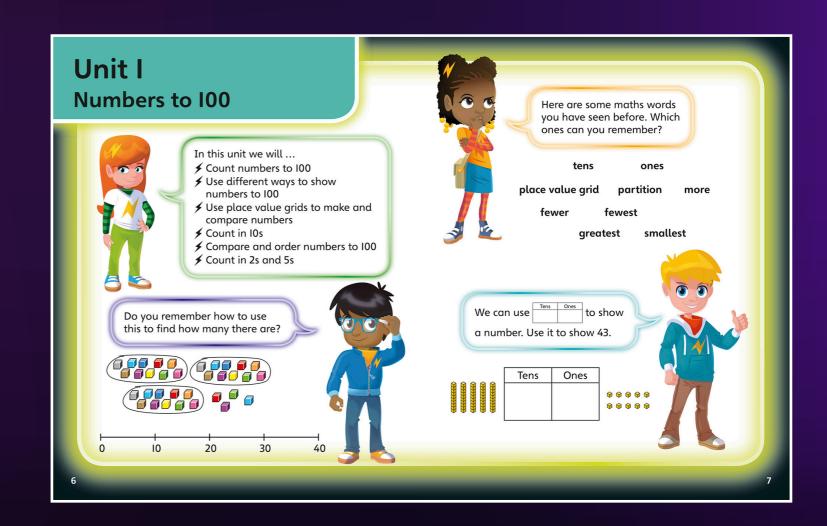


### Prerequisite skills

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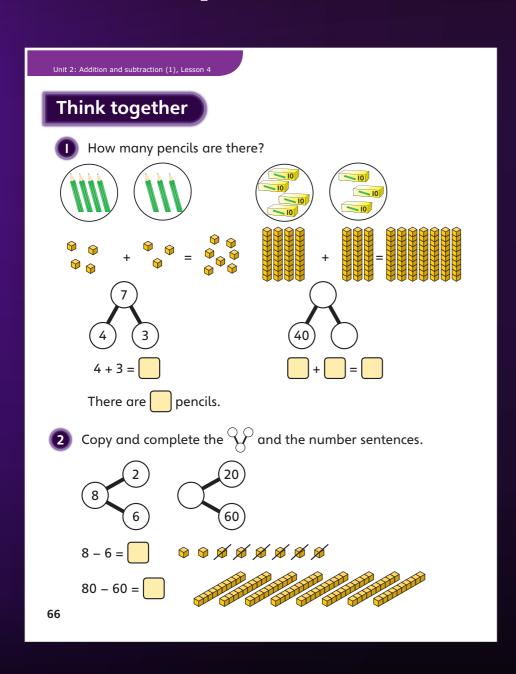
Before starting to teach a new unit, it's important to make sure that children have secured the **prerequisite skills** and **vocabulary**.

- Each unit begins with a start of unit check, designed to resurface the skills and vocabulary that children will need to build on in the upcoming unit.
- As a whole class, children discuss the vocabulary they already know, and review prior learning through mathematical representations.
- Look out for any continued misconceptions or gaps in understanding and plan to deliver interventions before teaching the unit.



### Formative assessment Guided practice





**Guided practice** is a valuable opportunity to assess children's understanding during the lesson.

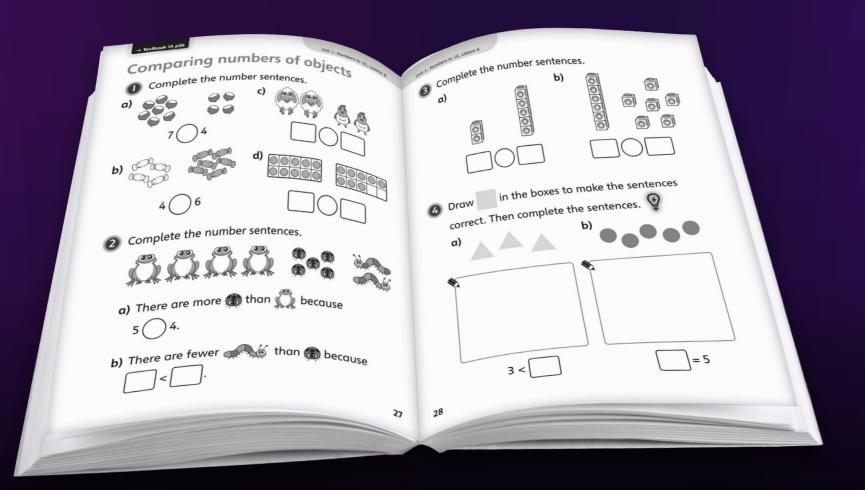
- The **Think together** section of the lessons provide opportunities for guided practice.
- The practice is carefully scaffolded to support all children to consolidate their understanding.
- Use children's responses to identify who has grasped the concept and who may still have areas of weakness in their understanding.



## Formative assessment Independent practice



**Independent practice** is a further opportunity to assess children's understanding. The independent practice in the **Practice Books** provides a written record of understanding. Exercises are built on the principles of varied and intelligent practice, so children can demonstrate the depth of their understanding. They provide opportunities for you to gather rapid feedback on areas of strength, weakness and misconceptions.





### Formative assessment Reflection



By reflecting on learning, teachers and children gain valuable information about whether children have mastered the concept and the depth of their understanding.

- At the end of each lesson there is a **Reflect** question in the **Practice Book**.
- Use children's responses to gain an insight into the depth of their understanding and plan your next teaching steps.



Unit 1: Numbers t	o 100, Lesson 4
Use these cards to complete the additions.  Use each card once.	CHALENGE
[14] [46] [6] [64] [20] [2	26
= 60 + 4	
74 = + 60	
46 = +	
= 40 +	
Reflect Carlos partitions the number 39 like this: 39 = 30 + 9	7
Are there other ways to partition the number 397	?
Explain your answer.	
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Reflect questions are an opportunity for children to review and reason about their learning: What have they learned? Why does it work? How do they know?

## Formative assessment Teacher support



The **Teacher Guides** contain **assessment checkpoints** that show you how to maximise the assessment opportunities in each lesson.

**Strengthen** identifies common misconceptions and suggests how to address them.

**Deepen** gives pedagogy pointers to support children who have grasped the concept quickly.

it is not true if the division  $F_1 = -2.55$  are multiplication, as in  $10 \div 5 \times 2$ . Use this to illustrate that children should work through multiplications and divisions in the order they appear.

**STRENGTHEN** For question **2** b), if children are struggling to know which multiplication to solve first in the three-part calculation, ask:

- What happens if you solve the first multiplication first?What happens if you solve the second multiplication first?
- **DEEPEN** Children could be given calculations that include all four operations. They could also be given a sequence of three or four numbers (for example, 3 4 5 = 23) and asked:
- · Find the missing operations.

ASSESSMENT CHECKPOINT At this point in the lesson, children should be able to explain that the operations of multiplication and division are carried out before the operations of addition and subtraction. Children should be able to solve calculations that involve up to three operations and should be able to explain why people may find more than one solution. Question 2 gives you the opportunity to assess children's recognition of the order of multiplication and addition or subtraction operations. Children should recognise in both calculations that the multiplications should be done first.

### ANSWERS

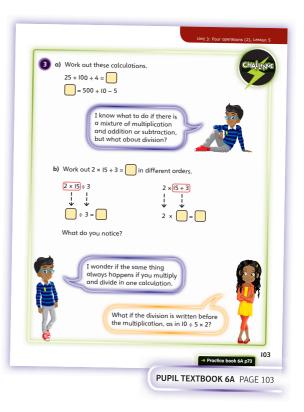
Question  $1: (3 \times 5) - 2 = 13$  is correct

Question 2 a): Solve 25 × 2 first, then subtract from 100, giving an answer of 50.

Question 2 b): Solve 11 × 2 and 3 × 11 first, then add the two results, giving an answer of 55.

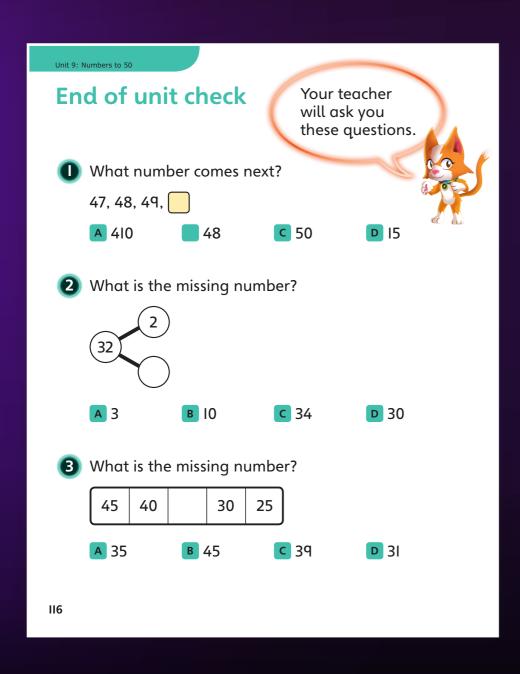
Question 3 a):  $25 + 100 \div 4 = 50$  $45 = 500 \div 10 - 5$ 

Question 3 b): Both ways of solving the calculation result in the same solution (10).



### Summative assessment End of unit checks



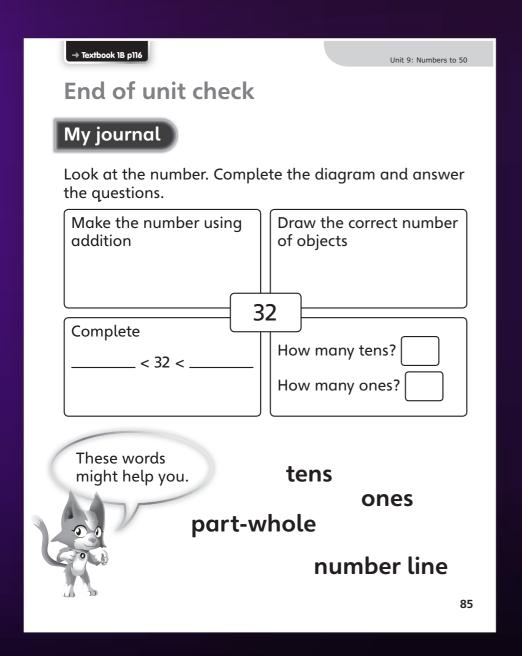


Before moving on to the next unit, it's important to assess whether children have mastered the concepts they have been taught.

- Built into every Power Maths unit are end of unit checks, which provide an opportunity for you to identify the depth of children's understanding of the concepts taught in each unit.
- The questions are carefully structured to identify both understanding and misconceptions.
- Certain answers highlight particular misconceptions and you can use this information to plan individual or whole-class interventions before moving on to the next unit.
- You can also choose to follow the end of unit check with a Deepen or Strengthen activity.

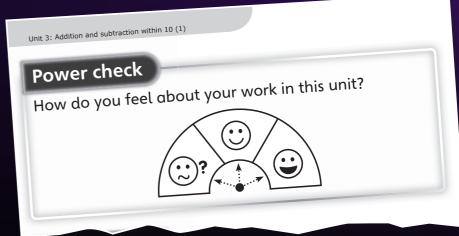
### **Summative assessment**My journal





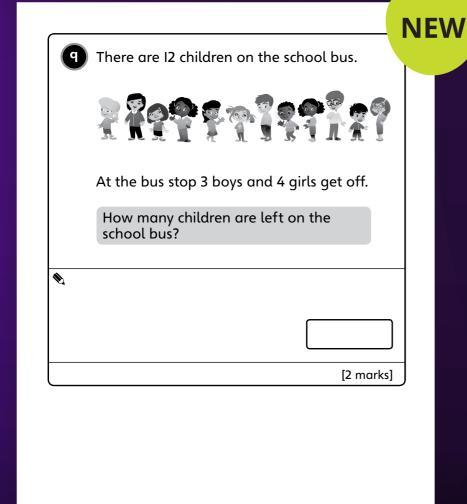
Journalling is a technique commonly used in Singapore. It gives teachers the opportunity to assess the depth of children's understanding.

- The Practice Books include a My Journal task at the end of each unit. These give children the opportunity to review key learning and vocabulary, and to reason.
- Draw on children's reasoning to gauge the depth of their understanding.
- It is followed by a confidence indicator, so children can communicate how confident they feel about the concept.



## **Summative assessment**Half-termly and end of year tests





The **Progress Tests** in Power Maths are SATs-style tests designed to help you reliably track children's progress against Age Related Expectations.

- Progress tests at half-termly intervals to fit in with your school's progress reporting.
- Designed to prepare children for the SATs by slowly building the test durations and the number of marks awarded.
- End of year progress tests cover content from each year and the preceding year.
- Mapped to our innovative 6-step reporting scale to help you with more granular progress tracking.
- Confidently identify misconceptions using our diagnostic assessment tools.

## Summative assessment Diagnostic assessment tools



The **diagnostic assessment tools** help you to confidently identify any misconceptions. They include:

- Mark schemes with correct answers.
- Likely incorrect answers.
- Strategies to address any misconceptions with specific links to Power Maths.
- Evidence to support judgements about those children who might have reached Greater Depth.

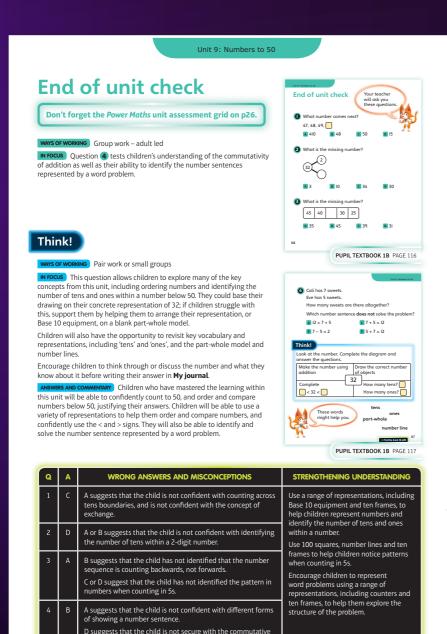
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13	A A O	1	Possible incorrect answer triangle circle triangle (children may think pattern starts from the second shape shown)	Children can identify the core of a pattern, using this to find missing terms and to make generalisations in order to find a given term.
	$\triangle$ $\triangle$ $\bigcirc$		Children may struggle to identify the pattern core, particularly when a shape is repeated within the core.	
			This topic is covered in Unit 9, Lesson 7.	
14	Mary	1	Possible incorrect answer John (children may think 43 is greater than 47)	Children can identify different ways to solve the same problem and identify the efficiency of different
			Children may focus on the numbers in a question rather than the context and select the wrong operation to complete the question.	methods, counting forwards or backwards during calculations, and switching between counting on in 10 and 1s as appropriate. Children can use the bar model to represent word problems and use this to identify the
			This topic is covered in Unit 12, Lesson 1.	correct operations to solve each step.
15	50p, 10p, 10p, 10p and 2p	1	Possible incorrect answers 20p, 20p, 20p, 20p, 1p,	Children can identify a coin, know its value, and
	Or		and 1p, or any combination that changes less than  2 coins from the original, or anything that makes	represent this with a pictorial representation or with apparatus. Children can use a counting on strategy to
	50p, 20p 10p and 2p		a total of other than 82p (children may not	find the total value of a group of coins.
	Or		understand how to make 82p)	
	50p, 10p, 10p, 10p, 1p and 1p		Children may think that there is only one correct answer to an open-ended problem.	
	Or		This topic is covered in Unit 4, Lesson 1.	
	Any other combination that changes at least 2 coins.		This topic is covered in Offit 4, Lesson 1.	
16	50ml	1	Possible incorrect answer 40 or 60 (children may misread scale)	Children can explain and demonstrate different ways in which they can accurately measure capacity and
			Children may not accurately work out the value of each increment on a scale which does not increase in 1s, and may therefore incorrectly read the value.	volume using the standard unit of measure of millilitr and its associated symbol (ml).
		1	This topic is covered in Unit 14, Lesson 6.	



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### **Summative assessment**Teacher support





The **Teacher Guides** support you in recognising mastery of each concept, and in identifying and addressing misconceptions.

- Explains the misconceptions revealed by children's choice of answers.
- Provide advice on how to strengthen children's understanding of a topic, to make sure no child is left behind.

Q	A	WRONG ANSWERS AND MISCONCEPTIONS	STRENGTHENING UNDERSTANDING	
1	С	A suggests that the child is not confident with counting across tens boundaries, and is not confident with the concept of exchange.	Use a range of representations, including Base 10 equipment and ten frames, to help children represent numbers and identify the number of tens and ones	
2	D	A or B suggests that the child is not confident with identifying the number of tens within a 2-digit number.	within a number. Use 100 squares, number lines and ten	
3	А	B suggests that the child has not identified that the number sequence is counting backwards, not forwards.  C or D suggest that the child has not identified the pattern in numbers when counting in 5s.	frames to help children notice patterns when counting in 5s.  Encourage children to represent word problems using a range of representations, including counters and ten frames, to help them explore the structure of the problem.	
4	В	A suggests that the child is not confident with different forms of showing a number sentence.  D suggests that the child is not secure with the commutative property of addition.		

### **Tracking progress**



Unit 9: Numbers to 50

### **End of unit check**

Don't forget the Power Maths unit assessment grid on p26.

WAYS OF WORKING Group work – adult led

NFOCUS Question 4 tests children's understanding of the commutativity of addition as well as their ability to identify the number sentences represented by a word problem.

### Think!

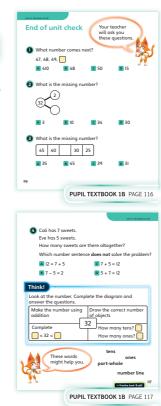
WAYS OF WORKING Pair work or small groups

Concepts from this unit, including ordering numbers and identifying the number of tens and ones within a number below 50. They could base their drawing on their concrete representation of 32; if children struggle with this, support them by helping them to arrange their representation, or Base 10 equipment, on a blank part-whole model.

Children will also have the opportunity to revisit key vocabulary and representations, including 'tens' and 'ones', and the part-whole model and number lines.

Encourage children to think through or discuss the number and what they know about it before writing their answer in **My journal**.

ANSWERS AND COMMENTARY Children who have mastered the learning within this unit will be able to confidently count to 50, and order and compare numbers below 50, justifying their answers. Children will be able to use a variety of representations to help them order and compare numbers, and confidently use the < and > signs. They will also be able to identify and solve the number sentence represented by a word problem.



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The **Teacher Guide** provides a **unit assessment grid**, which is a framework for track recording the insights you've gained from formative and summative assessments. You can also use it to progress within and across units.

