

A quick guide for parents and caregivers

Gecko: Dots Together

Play: ages 3-5

The goal: Choose the leaf showing both dot groups together, then press OK.

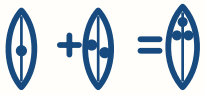
Playful practice, not a test.

5 ways to help without giving the answer

1. **Look at both groups.**
   Say: "What do you notice on each leaf?"
2. **Let your child choose.**
   Wait while they tap or move a leaf to the pale leaf.
3. **Check together.**
   Ask: "Does this leaf show all the dots?" Then try OK.
4. **Keep the attempt.**
   After a mismatch, compare the extra dot row with their choice.
5. **Invite a change.**
   Ask: "What could you change?" They can choose again.

Your tiny play plan

5 minutes is plenty



- No timer
- Try again
- Counting is OK

Follow their idea. Stop while it still feels good.

5 signs the math is happening

1. **Looks at both parts**
   They check both source leaves before choosing.
2. **Finds a whole**
   They match the combined amount to one answer leaf.
3. **Shows a strategy**
   They point, count, or recognize a small group.
4. **Compares close choices**
   Later, they look across three answer leaves.
5. **Revises an attempt**
   They change their leaf after checking a mismatch.

Try it away from the screen today

Make two groups.
Use blocks; keep the total up to five.

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Match the whole.
Show both groups with spare blocks.

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Check and change.
Match each block once. Change if needed.

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