For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Gecko: Dots Together | Worksheet set v1

No need to print this page. Take a peek when you want to check an answer or help your child get started. Try the little hint before sharing the answer.

DOTS TOGETHER | AGE 2.5-3

Little hint: Look at both leaves. Can you match each dot to a dot in one answer box?

Answer: The middle box, with two dots. One dot and one dot make two altogether. Pointing or placing a token is enough; no drawing is required.

FIND THE MISSING DOTS | AGE 4

Little hint: Match the dots on the leaf to part of the whole shown above. Which dots are still unmatched?

Answer: The right-hand box, with two dots. Four dots altogether, with two already on the leaf, leaves two for the leaf with the question mark.

PICK TWO LEAVES | AGE 5

Little hint: Try a pair. Count only the dots on those leaves, then compare with the amount in the question.

Answer: Circle the middle leaf with three dots and the right-hand leaf with two dots together. Leave the left-hand leaf with one dot outside the loop. Three and two make five.

SAME TOTAL, NEW PAIR | AGES 6-7

Task 1 - How many dots altogether?

Little hint: Touch each dot once across both leaves. What total did you get?

Answer: Five. Accept the numeral 5 or five drawn dots in the answer box.

Task 2 - Make the same total a different way.

Little hint: Try a new split. Are both leaves used? Is the total unchanged, and are the groups different from the first pair?

Answer: One dot on one leaf and four on the other: 1 + 4 or 4 + 1. Both leaves must have dots. Swapping 2 and 3 repeats the original pair; leaving a leaf empty does not follow this prompt.

A little support: If making marks is difficult, your child can point or tell you their idea while you help record it. Judge the mathematical choice, not neatness or coloring. There is no need to hurry, and counting is welcome.