For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Aro: Number Island

Companion to worksheet set v1 | US Letter

You do not need to print this page. Use it to check an answer or help your child get started. Try the little hint before sharing the answer.

Card 1 Look, count and point

AGE 2.5-3

Little hint: Touch each cacao pod once. Can you match each pod with a dot in a box?

Answer: The middle box with two dots matches the two pods and the numeral 2.

Card 2 Make the number

AGE 4

Little hint: Touch the pods. Use your fingers to show the amount on the sign. What is missing?

Answer: The left box with one dot. One more pod makes four: 3 + 1 = 4.

Card 3 Leave exactly three

AGE 5

Little hint: Cover pods one at a time. Stop when the group you can still see matches the sign.

Answer: Cross out any two of the five pods, leaving three. Choose the middle box with two dots.

Why: Any pair of pods may be crossed out; there is no single required pair.

Card 4 Make it, then change it

AGES 6-7

Task 1 - How many more pods make 5?

Little hint: Start with the pods you can see. Keep counting up to the number on the sign.

Answer: 2 more pods: 3 + 2 = 5. Two drawn dots or the numeral 2 are valid.

Task 2 - After making 5, one leaves. How many stay?

Little hint: Show the completed group on your fingers. Fold down a finger for the pod that leaves.

Answer: 4 pods stay: 5 - 1 = 4. Start from the completed five, not the three in the original picture.

If writing is difficult, pointing or saying an answer can show the same reasoning. Coloring choices, neatness and staying inside outlines are not part of these math questions.