For Grown-Ups: Answers & Little Hints

Bundle of Ten

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Age 2.5-3 | Point and match

Where is one bundle?

Little hint: Look for stems held together. Touch each picture as you compare.

Answer: The middle picture: one tied bundle of ten stems.

Why: Ten stems are held together in one bundle.

Age 4 | Find the missing part

How many more stems make ten?

Little hint: Touch each space. Which spaces still need a stem?

Answer: 1 more stem. Circle the left box with one dot.

Why: Nine filled spaces and one empty space make ten spaces.

Age 5 | Leave ten

How many stems must go to leave ten?

Little hint: Touch each stem once. Choose some to set aside, then check the stems left.

Answer: 2 stems. Circle the middle box with two dots. Any two different stems may be crossed out; ten must remain.

Why: Twelve stems minus two leave ten.

Ages 6-7 | Task 1: Join two piles

Which two piles make one ten?

Little hint: Count each pile. Try a pair and check the amount together.

Answer: A + B, the left box. Pile A has 6 stems and pile B has 4; together they make 10.

Why: A + C makes 11, and B + C makes 9. Only A + B makes one ten.

Ages 6-7 | Task 2: Untie the ten

Untie the ten. How many stems now?

Little hint: Did any stem leave or join the group when the cord came off?

Answer: 10 stems, the middle box.

Why: Untying changes the arrangement. No stem is added or taken away, so the amount stays the same.

Note: Pointing or an oral answer is welcome when making a mark is difficult. Coloring is optional; there is no right color or required neatness.