

Aspect 5: I Can Multiply and Divide

NSW Numeracy Continuum, Aspect 5: Multiplication and Division

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FORMING EQUAL GROUPS

- I can use counting and sharing to make groups of a given size (e.g. 3 groups of 2 or 12 shared between 3).
- I can count all items separately to find the total of a collection (e.g. 3 groups of 2)



REPEATED

I can count a collection using skip counting or known facts when all items can be seen (e.g. 3 groups of 2).



I can share a collection using skip counting or known facts when all items can be seen (e.g.12 shared between 3 is 4).



FIGURATIVE UNITS

- I can use materials to represent the items in each group to help me find the total.
- I can use my knowledge of equal grouping and counting and doubling to find the total of a collection when items are modelled in some way.

REPEATED ABSTRACT UNITS

I can use my fingers (or other method, such as tapping) to represent the items in each group.



I can use my knowledge of equal grouping, counting and doubling to find the total of a collection when items are not seen or represented in some way.

MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION AS OPERATIONS

- I can demonstrate the relationship between multiplication and division (e.g. 3 times 6 is 18; 18 divided by 6 is 3).
- I can use the relationship between multiplication and division to help me solve problems.



Important Note to Teachers, Parents and Caregivers: This this guide should be used with direct reference to the relevant aspect and section of the NSW Department of Education & Communities Numeracy Continuum K - 10, 2010.