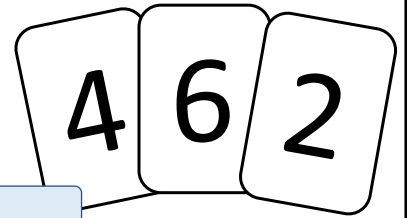


Odd and even numbers

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Odds and evens

You will need:

- a set of digit cards from 0 to 10
- some small items such as toy cars, crayons, buttons etc.
- some items which can be paired, such as socks, mittens, shoes

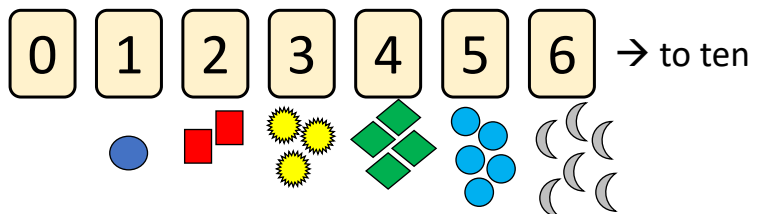
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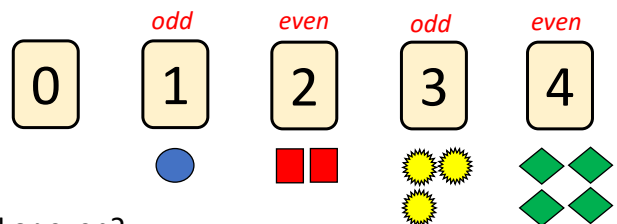
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Pick up a card and ask the child whether the number you are holding is an odd or an even number? If the child doesn't know then show them by putting the objects into pairs. Numbers which have all their items paired are even numbers and number which have all their items paired but have one left on their own are odd numbers.



Can the child see a pattern?

If the child can find or see a repeating pattern, as they, what will zero be? Odd or even?

Using socks, shoes, mittens, ask the child to pair them and say whether the number of items was odd or even.

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