

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand and perform basic addition using fun and interactive activities. The student will be able to add numbers together and recognize the concept of combining quantities.

Materials and Prep

No special materials are needed for this lesson. Just ensure you have a comfortable and quiet space for learning. It might be helpful to have a few small objects like toys or snacks to use for counting and addition activities.

Activities

- **Counting with Snacks:** Use small snacks like crackers or fruit pieces. Ask the student to count out a certain number of snacks, then add more and count again. For example, "If you have 2 crackers and I give you 3 more, how many do you have now?"
- **Toy Addition:** Gather a few toys and create simple addition problems. For instance, "If you have 1 teddy bear and I give you 2 more, how many teddy bears do you have?" Encourage the student to group the toys to see the total.
- **Finger Counting:** Use fingers to demonstrate addition. Show the student how to hold up a certain number of fingers, then add more fingers. For example, "Let's hold up 2 fingers and then add 1 more. How many fingers do we have now?"
- **Story Time Addition:** Create a simple story involving characters or animals that need to combine their items. For example, "There are 3 ducks in a pond, and 2 more come to join. How many ducks are there now?" Encourage the student to visualize the story as they solve the addition problem.

Talking Points

- "Addition means putting things together! Can you say 'put together' with me?"
- "When we add, we count all the things we have. Let's count together!"
- "If I have 2 apples and I get 1 more, how many apples do I have? Let's count them!"
- "You can use your fingers or toys to help you add. It's like a magic trick!"
- "Every time we add, we make a bigger number! Bigger is fun, right?"