Reception Sample
Unit 6  Number bonds within 5

Let’s sort the objects into 2 groups.

Let’s look.
Sort the doughnuts and the cupcakes into 2 parts.
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I can see how to sort the cakes!

I can use numbers to show the parts.

One part is the doughnuts. The other part is the cupcakes.
Think together

1. Sort the **whole** into 2 parts.

   I will use 🎁 to help me.

2. Sort the whole into 2 parts.

   I can see how to sort them.
Break the whole into parts.

I think there is more than one way to do this.

I will find all the ways to do this!
Sort the whole into 2 parts.

ELG 12: Mathematics: Shape, space and measures explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Working towards ELG 11: Mathematics: Numbers using quantities and objects, add 2 single-digit numbers.

Strengthen: What is the whole? How many cakes represent the whole? How many parts are there? How could you sort the whole into the parts? Where is the first part? What could you put in the first part? Show me the second part. When you have sorted the parts, how many are left in the whole?

Deepen: Is there more than one way to sort the cakes into 2 parts? Does there have to be the same number of cakes on each plate? Can there be different types of cake on the same plate? What else could you try? Show me.

Break the whole into parts.

I will use "" to help me.

Strengthen: What is the whole? Show me with counters or cubes. How could you sort them into parts? Is there another way to sort them?

Deepen: Can you show me other ways to break the whole into two parts? Have you found all the ways to sort them? What if the whole was three? (For example, ‘3 and 1’ and ‘1 and 3’). Are there other ways to sort the whole? Show me.
# Introducing the part-whole model

## Learning focus
This week, children will consolidate and build on learning from Unit 2 Sorting. They will be introduced to the vocabulary of wholes and parts, and practise the concept of breaking a whole into parts using a part-whole model.

## Small steps
- **Previous step:** Time
- **This step:** Introducing the part-whole model
- **Next step:** Numbers to 10

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS
When using the vocabulary 'whole', children may confuse the meaning with the word 'hole', as in 'a hole in the ground'. Ask:
- **What is the 'whole' of the class?** [All of us.]
- **What are the parts of the class?** [Each child or group of children, such as those who walk to school and those who don’t or the 4 year olds and 5 year olds.]

When counting the parts in a part-whole model to find the whole, children may include the whole in their count. Encourage children to count out loud, using manipulatives, such as cubes or wooden blocks to represent the whole and parts. Ask:
- **Where is the whole on this model?** Where are the parts?
- **How many parts make this whole?** Do you need to count the whole as well?

## EXPLORE
Taking every opportunity throughout the school day to build and reinforce mathematical concepts gives children’s learning purpose and meaning in the wider context of their lives.

## KEY LANGUAGE
- In lesson: one, two, three, four, five, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, sort, group, whole, part, how many, counting

## STRUCTURES AND REPRESENTATIONS
- part-whole model, cubes

## RESOURCES
- **Mandatory:** cubes, hula hoops
- **Optional:** toy food, playdough, birthday candles, bean bags, bowling pins, groups of objects for counting and sorting

## ACTIVITY AREA DESCRIPTION RESOURCES

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<td>Bean bag throwing</td>
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<td>Choose a small number of bean bags (up to 5). Ask children to attempt to throw all 5 bean bags into a box or hoop. Next, ask children to count how many land in the box and how many miss. Ask: 'How many bean bags did we start with? How many landed in the box? How many missed? How can we sort the bean bags into 2 groups/parts?'</td>
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## PREREQUISITE CHECK
- **This prerequisite check practises the Unit 2 skill of sorting using the properties of objects. Children can sort by pens and pencils (the more obvious grouping) or by colour (more difficult to spot).**

Before you teach

- **Stimulus:** Picture to prompt a guided activity

- ** dopo:** Whole class or small groups

  Spark children’s interest with this stimulus picture and activity, which encourages children to sort objects into hoops, anticipating the layout of a part whole model that they will be introduced to in the **Discover** activity, (Day 2).

**TOPIC:** The focus of the Stimulus is to move children towards the mathematical skill of sorting objects into hoops, a precursor to the part-whole model. Another important step here is the introduction of the language of ‘parts’ and ‘whole’. Encourage mastery of the concepts of parts and wholes by using everyday opportunities to identify a whole and its parts in everyday contexts, and how parts can go back together to make the whole, and then break up again to go back into parts. Use the Explore table on the previous page for more activity ideas to help embed today’s learning.

**TOPIC:** Use the picture to lead into a guided activity in your outside area. Lay hula hoops on the floor in the shape of a part-whole model, (1 hoop at the top, 2 hoops below). Place 3 skipping ropes and 2 tennis balls in the ‘whole’ hoop. Guide children towards sorting the items into the 2 ‘parts’ hoops, using the Ask questions above as a starting point if necessary.

## Day 1

### Learning focus
**Sorting objects into 2 groups**

**Day 1**

**Whole class**

Introduce this week’s first day of teaching with the prerequisite check. Where possible, give children access to pens and pencils, encouraging them to physically sort them into 2 parts, and then back into a whole.

**TOPIC:** This prerequisite check practises the Unit 2 skill of sorting using the properties of objects. Children can sort by pens and pencils (the more obvious grouping) or by colour (more difficult to spot).

**Ask:**
- Can you remember what ‘sort’ means?
- What objects are shown here?
- Which item are there more of, which item are there fewer of?
- How could you sort them into 2 groups?
- What colours are they? Is there another way to sort them?

**Stimulus:** Picture to prompt a guided activity

**After deciding how to sort the parts,**
- Can children confidently **sort a small group of objects into 2 groups?**
- Are children confident using sorting vocabulary such as ‘more’, ‘fewer’, ‘same’ and ‘different’?

**Ways of working**

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**Ask:** Look at the picture, what can you see?
- What might the 2 parts be? Where could you put the 2 parts to make this clear?
- After deciding how to sort the parts, if these are the parts, what is the whole? And if we break them up again into 2 groups, what are the parts?

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Day 2

Learning focus
Sorting a whole into 2 distinct parts

Discover

WHY WORKING Whole class or small groups.

Have concrete manipulatives, such as real or toy cakes or cubes, available for children to recreate the cakes in the Discover artwork. Circular plates would be useful to support children’s sorting of the cakes.

IN FOCUS The focus of this activity is to show how a whole (5 cakes) can be sorted into 2 parts (2 types of cake). Guide the discussion about how the ‘whole’ can be sorted into 2 parts, to consolidate the key language of ‘whole’ and ‘parts’. Use every opportunity to embed this language, modelling stem sentences for children to copy, such as: ‘We sorted the cakes by moving them into 2 parts, now let’s put them back together to show the whole again.”

AGE
• What can you see in the picture?
• What are the parts? How many cupcakes are there? How many doughnuts are there?
• How many cakes are all together? What is the whole?
• How many doughnuts do the first group get? How many cupcakes do the second group get?

STRENGTHEN Use stem sentences to support understanding of where the whole and the two parts are, for example: ‘The whole is… (all of the cakes). The parts are… (the 2 plates of cakes). 1 part is the plate of… (2 doughnuts) and the other part is the… (3 cupcakes). Children can use cubes in different colours to represent the two types of cake and use real plates or hoops to physically sort them.

Share

IN FOCUS Children can use concrete manipulatives to help sort the cakes. The part-whole model shows how the whole number of 5 cakes can be sorted and split into 2 distinct parts. The Discover artwork can be recreated using the online part-whole model teaching tool, using 2 colours of counters or cubes to represent the cakes. Show the items moving from the whole to the parts and back again.

AGE
• Where is the whole? Where are the parts? What has happened to the whole in the second picture?
• What do you think the 3 shows? What does the 3 show you?
• What about the 2? [Draw out the language of the ‘whole’ and ‘parts’]

STRENGTHEN Provide children with the opportunity to manipulate physical blocks or cubes, moving them from the whole into 2 separate parts as you work through the Share section. Demonstrate how the whole is empty when it has been split into the 2 parts, reinforcing how the whole becomes 2 parts.

HELPFUL Children can make their own teddy bears picnic using 4-6 cubes or building blocks in two different colours and two different sizes. Encourage children to split the

Day 3

Learning focus
Recognising different representations of 2 parts

Think together

WHY WORKING Whole class or small groups.

Have cubes or blocks in two different colours available for children to use to represent the cakes.

IN FOCUS The focus is on becoming familiar with the concept of wholes and parts. Use the Think together questions to spark discussion and consolidate understanding.

The small step of progression between the questions is moving children from sorting different items to sorting identical items, challenging them to look for different ways to sort.

AGE
• Question Q: What is the same and what is different? What is the whole? How many parts do you need to sort into? What could the parts be?
• Question A: Are there any other ways to sort the cakes?

STRENGTHEN Children who have mastered this Activity can tell you how they know what the whole is and what the parts are, and can show you using cubes or blocks, or by drawing in their journals. When prompted, they can explore different ways of splitting the whole and they can explain that the whole doesn’t change, even if we move the parts.

Practice: Journal 1

IN FOCUS The focus of this Practice activity is to reinforce the vocabulary of ‘whole’ and ‘parts’ and to embed understanding of these concepts, and of the part-whole model, using plates as a more familiar, natural context.

Mastery checkpoint Children who have mastered this concept can tell you how they know what the whole is and what the parts are, and can show you using cubes or blocks, or by drawing in their journals. When prompted, they can explore different ways of splitting the whole and they can explain that the whole doesn’t change, even if we move the parts.

GET ACTIVE Ask children to make sets of up to 5 playdough cakes, decorating each cake with one candle, using two different colours of candle. Encourage them to draw or complete part-whole models to show the 2 colours: 5 = 2 red + 3 blue; 1 red + 4 blue; 5 red = 0 blue, etc.
Reflect: Journal 2

As in the Challenge activity, this Reflect activity focuses on sorting a whole when all the parts are identical, forcing children to break the ice and activities using number bonds to 4. For example, 3 on one plate, 1 on the other plate, and prompting children to find all possible number bonds to 4. Children are not guided towards 2 parts, so the possibilities of ways to sort the parts are much greater, giving opportunity for broader and more-creative thinking. Children may need to be told that more than 2 parts is allowed.

**MASTERY CHECKPOINT**

Children who have mastered this concept are confident using the language of wholes and parts and can use physical differences and number bonds to 5 to split a whole into 2 parts. Children who have not yet mastered this concept will need support and prompts to complete the activities. Children who have mastered this concept with greater depth can show all the ways of splitting the whole into parts (possibly including using more than 2 parts) and can explain, when prompted, how they know this.