

Home Link Help: Dominoes

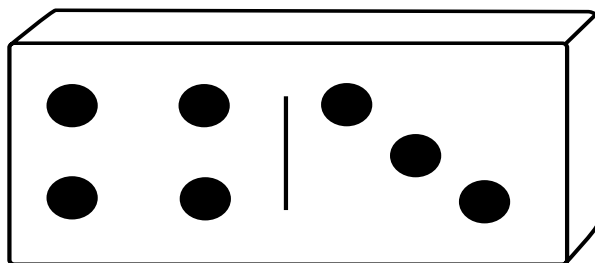
Grade 1, Home Link 2-7

Dominoes provide a tool for developing counting skills and pattern recognition, and for visualizing number facts.

Help with Home Link Problems

- Learning the patterns of the dot configurations can be helpful for memorizing facts.
- Do not insist your child uses the correct patterns, but if you model problems for your child, you may want to use the correct patterns.

Example



As your child begins to see this domino as 7, they will have a visual image of the domino's fact family:

$$3 + 4 = 7 \quad 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$4 + 3 = 7 \quad 7 - 4 = 3$$

Extra Practice Ideas

Make or purchase a set of dominoes for use at home. You can have your child sort the dominoes in different ways.

For example, the dominoes could be sorted by totals or by number relationships—all the dominoes that are doubles; the two halves are different by 1; both halves are even or odd; or one half of the domino is even and the other half is odd.