

Number Island



Instructions: Use the number mat for number work. Choose a number that pupils have to create using strings of numbers. This could be done individually, in pairs or as a small group. The mat should be laminated and pupils should be given dry wipe markers of different colours to use with the activity.

Start by asking pupils to find strings that make 10. They can find number strings of up to 5 numbers diagonally, vertically, horizontally or in a linked group (see the images below). Pupils can work together (to circle as many number strings as possible) or against each other (which is more strategic).

Once pupils have got the hang of the game you could use the board in different ways: either looking for number strings making larger totals or looking for answers to specific calculations.



