

ACTIVITY IA3.5: What Comes After Nine?

Intended learning: To build facility with hurdling the decuple, centuple and thousands milestones in the forward number word sequence by 1s.

Instructional mode: Shorter rehearsal mode for individuals, small groups or whole class.

Materials: None.

Description: This oral activity is designed to focus instruction on the numbers that come right after any number ending with a 9 in the ones place. The leader asks, *What comes after 9? What comes after 39? What comes after 99? What comes after 129? What comes after 249? What comes after 999?*

Responses, variations and extensions:

- Typically, older students are facile in producing the forward number word sequence within a decade, but struggle crossing decuple, centuple and thousands numbers.
- The range of numbers can be limited to accommodate students' emerging knowledge of forward number word sequences.
- A variation would be to focus on backward number word sequences by asking, *What comes right before 10? What comes right before 40? What comes right before 100? What comes right before 290? What comes right before 1000?*