

How Many in Each Box?

Intended learning: this is an initial activity to give children experience in making equal groups by sharing.

Materials: counters, containers (cups), worksheet.

Description:

- Teacher gives tasks such as: *Twenty counters are shared equally into 5 boxes. How many in each cup?*
- The results are discussed.
- A record sheet (*How Many in Each Box? (1)*) can be used to log the tasks and the children's answers.
- After the whole class activity, a worksheet (see below, *How Many in Each Box? (2)*) could be given. Other worksheets of this type could be prepared.

Notes:

- The teacher can also give quotitive tasks such as:
 - *Ten apples are shared and each person gets 2. How many people were there?*
 - *There are 12 pencils to be shared. Each person gets 3. How many children were there?*
- A more abstract worksheet which has no pictorial representation of the containers could be given. An example of such a sheet (*How Many In Each Box? (3)*) is shown below.