

EYFS Mental Maths Speedy Starters

Sharing (ELG)



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Activity Title	Speedy Starter Activity Ideas
Share Bears	Provide two teddy bears with plastic plates and role-play food. Tell the children they are having a tea party. Can they share out the food between the bears fairly?
Puppet Problems	Introduce a cheeky puppet at the start of the lesson. The puppet is supposed to hand out maths resources to the children fairly but keeps making mistakes by giving more to some children than others. Can they help it to give out the resources so that everybody has the correct amount?
Car Park Chaos	Lay out three pieces of grey or black A4 paper in the middle of the circle to represent car parks. Then, add nine toy cars. Can the children park the cars in the car parks so that there are the same number of cars in each one?
Playdough Problems	Ask the children to work in pairs. Give them a ball of playdough. Ask them to spilt the playdough into ten little balls. Can they share out the little balls so they have the same number each? Repeat with a different number of balls.
Sharing Cups	Provide ten plastic cups and 20 pebbles or counters. Can the children work together to share the pebbles/counters into the cups equally?
Pizza Problem	Print out several whole pizzas from this Pizza Ingredients resource, along with the toppings. Place them in the middle of the circle. Can the children help to share out the toppings equally on to each pizza?
Sharing Shuffle	Give half of the children in the class a tower of interlocking cubes. Make sure each tower has an even number of cubes between 2 and 20 in it. Play some music and ask the children to dance. When the music stops, the children with the towers have to dance over to a partner who does not have one and break the tower into two equal parts to share with their partner.
Beanbag Sharing	Place three hoops in the middle of the circle, along with three blue, three red, three yellow and three green beanbags. Can the children share out the coloured beanbags so that there are the same number of colours in each hoop?
Sharing Is Caring	Ask the children to get themselves into equal groups. Ask them to give each person in the group a caring gesture, e.g. a handshake, high five or a hug. They must make sure that each person is given one gesture each to make it fair.
Beautiful Butterfly	Print out an A3 copy of the Large Butterfly Outline and place in the middle of the circle. Place a tray of 20 buttons next to the butterfly, make sure there are ten buttons in one colour and ten in another. Can the children discuss and work together to decorate the butterfly's wings with buttons, making sure there are the same number of coloured buttons on each wing?