

# Choose a tool

Decide when to use tools like counters, a pencil, or mental Math

There are many tools to use in math. You can use a pencil to do a lot of math. Sometimes you can use counters or base ten blocks. Often you can just do the math in your head.

## To choose the best tools

### Ask Yourself

- Can I do any part of the problem in my head?
- Can I write the problem on paper?
- Can I use base ten blocks?

### Then Discuss with a partner

- The tools I chose for this problem are .....
- I chose these tools because .....

