

Lesson 1 – One Less

Small step:  
One Less

Resources needed:  
Differentiated Worksheets  
Teaching Slides

Vocabulary:  
One less, take away, how many left

Children will use images of currant buns to help them find out what 1 less than a given number is. They will then complete the stem sentences.

Key questions:

How many currant buns are? If we take 1 away and there is 1 less, how many will there be? How many are there now?


★ Working Towards


★★ Working Within


★★★ Greater Depth


Alive in 5! 'One Less' Fluency & Precision R


Look at the currant buns. If we take 1 away, how many are left?

5  One less than 5 is

4  One less than 4 is


3  One less than 3 is


2  One less than 2 is


1  One less than 1 is


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Count the currant buns. Cross one out. Count how many are left.

 One less than  is

 One less than  is

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Alive in 5! 'One Less' Fluency & Precision R

Draw the currant buns on the 5 frame. Cross 1 out. How many are left?

5 currant buns  
 One less than  is

4 currant buns  
 One less than  is

3 currant buns  
 One less than  is

2 currant buns  
 One less than  is

1 currant bun  
 One less than  is

Children have an image of the currant buns with one crossed out so they can see what one less is.

Children cross out a currant bun and then complete the stem sentence 'One less than \_\_\_ is \_\_\_'.

Children draw a picture of the correct number of currant buns on the 5 frame, cross one out and then complete the stem sentence.


Reasoning & Problem Solving

Alive in 5! 'One Less' Reasoning & Problem Solving R

True or false?

Can you draw a picture using the 5 frame to show whether Zach is correct or not?

There are 4 currant buns in a baker's shop. A boy bought 1 currant bun. There are 2 currant buns left.



Explained to an adult?

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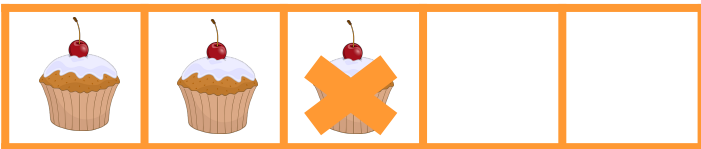
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