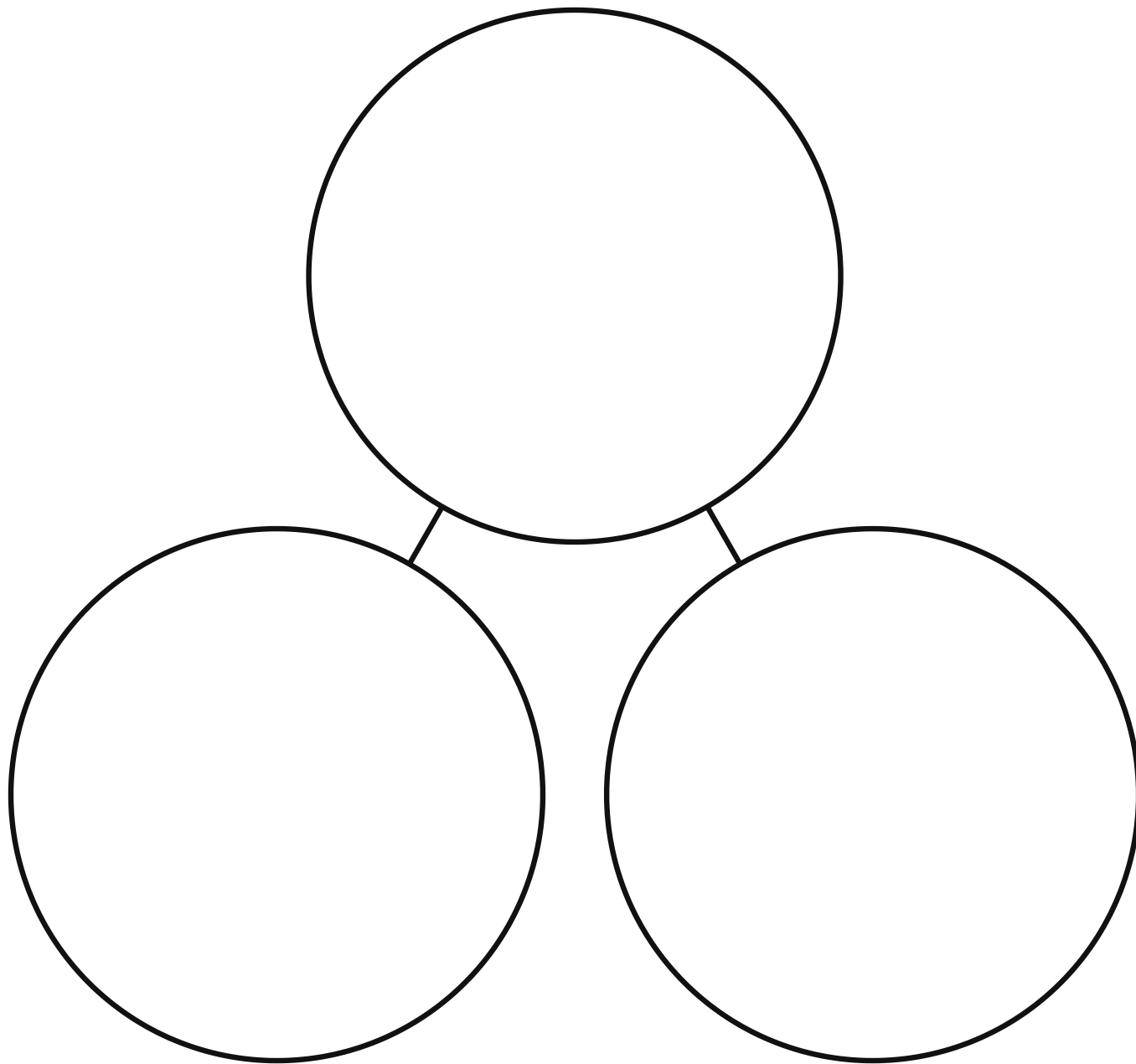


Number Bond Mat

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Put counters in the two parts. Then push them all into the whole: how many?



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Part-Part-Whole Mat

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Put some counters in each part. Then move them all up to the whole and count.

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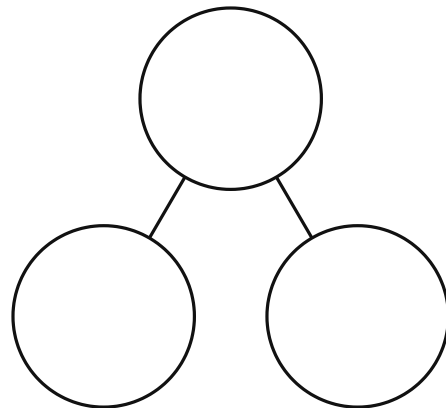
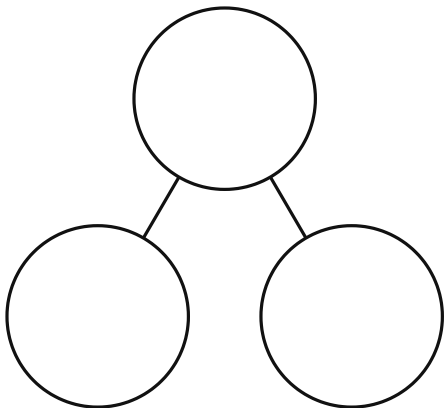
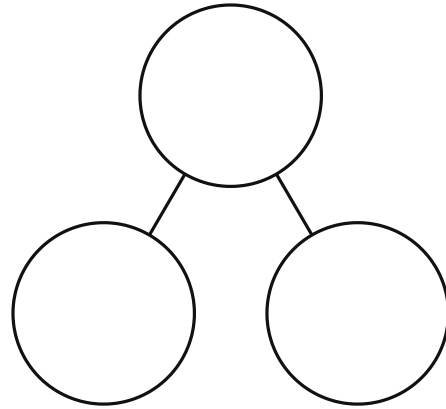
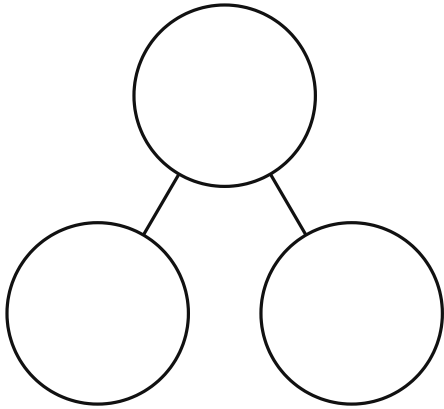
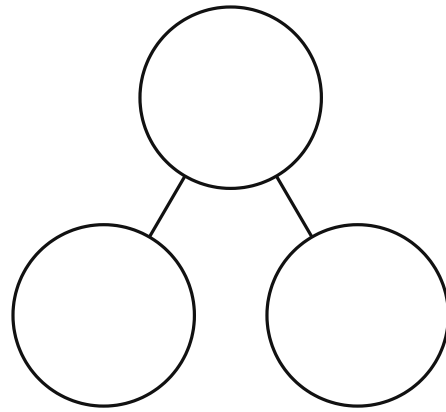
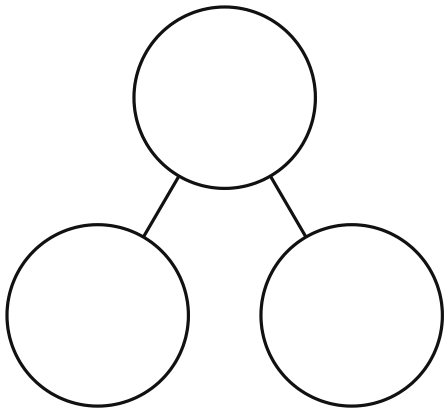
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Blank Number Bonds

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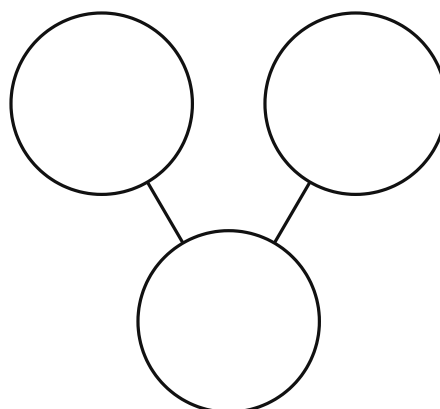
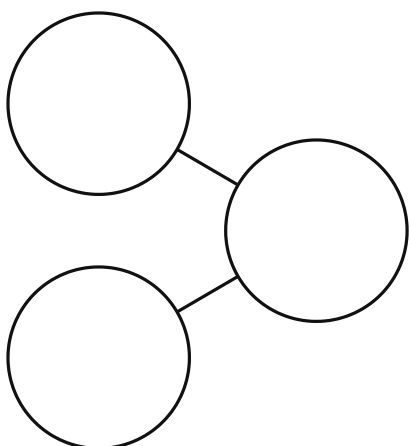
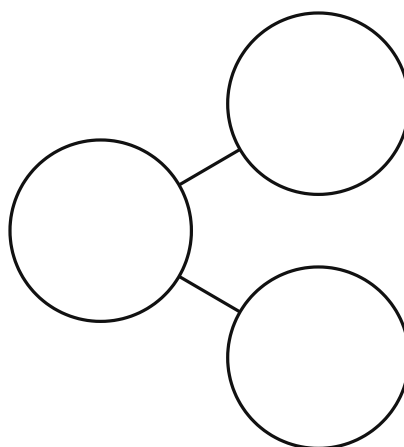
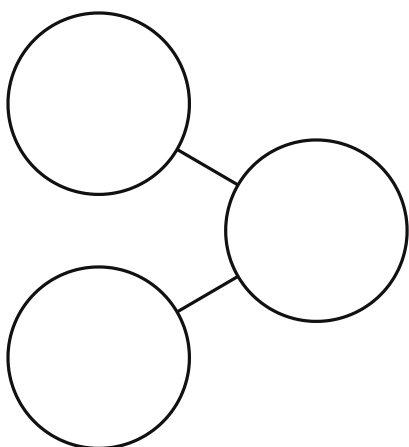
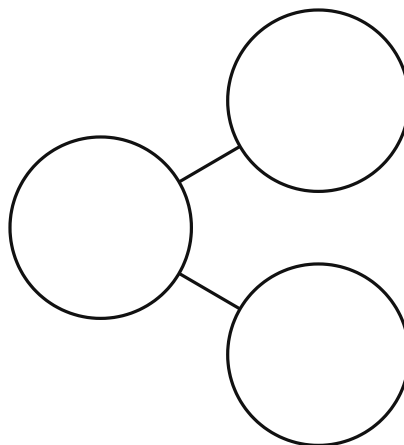
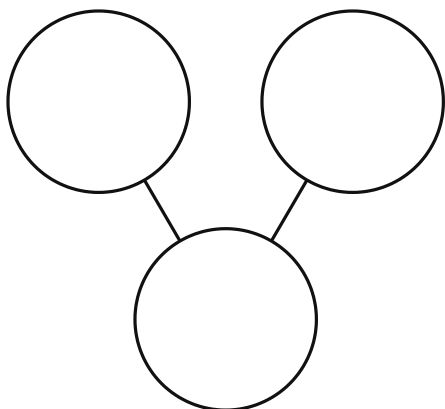
Write a number in each circle. The two parts make the whole.



Blank Number Bonds: The Whole Moves

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The whole is the circle joined to both parts, wherever it sits.



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For Grown-Ups: How to Use These Mats

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About 10 minutes at a time, with 5 to 10 counters, dried beans, or crackers.

Why use it

A number bond shows a number and two parts that make it, such as 10 as 7 and 3. Counters on a mat, then numbers in the circles, follow the order schools teach in: objects, then drawings, then numbers alone.

What it is good for

- Pre-K and kindergarten: splitting up to 10 things into two parts, more than one way.
- Finding a hidden part, the start of subtraction.
- First grade: writing bonds in numbers, with the whole on top, at the bottom, or at the side.

How to use it

1. Put 5 counters in the whole circle on page 1, or the whole box on page 2.
2. Your child moves some into each part and says the bond: 5 is 3 and 2.
3. Move one counter across at a time and say each bond. Then try 6, 7, and on up to 10.
4. Hide a part: your child looks away while you take one part's counters, then says how many are hiding.
5. On pages 3 and 4, write two numbers and leave one circle empty for your child.

Try saying: “Here are 7. Put some in each part. How many here? How many there? So 7 is 4 and 3.”

Tip: The whole is the circle joined to both parts, wherever it sits. Page 4 moves it on purpose.



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