## Train Dominoes

## How this will help your child

- This activity will help your child to understand that 'equivalence' means 'equal value'.


## Words and phrases to use

equals, is equal to, has the same value as

## You will need

- Card Numicon Shapes 1-10
- Scissors


## During the activity, look at what your child can do

- Make their own equal value number sentences, e.g. $7+3=4+6$.


## What to do

- Cut out the domino cards and the train from the Train Dominoes sheet.
- Explain that the dominoes need to be loaded on to the train in the correct order, so that the number sentences match up along the train.
- Take turns to add a load to the train, making sure that the number sentences on the dominoes match up correctly. 1 Your child may wish to use their card Numicon Shapes to check their ideas.
- When the train is full, ask your child to draw two more carriages and work out some loads of their own that could be added.


## Next steps..

- Talk about using different coins to make the same amount with your child. Look at a range of coins and give them the chance to try to make totals in different ways, e.g. making $10 p$ with $5 p+5 p$, or $5 p+2 p+2 p+1 p$.
- Find two card Numicon Shapes that together total 10 or less. Put them on the table and ask your child to find two other Shapes that will equal them.



