# **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 10p with 5p + 5p, or 5p + 2p + 2p + 1p.
- 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.





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