

ACTIVE LEARNING

TEN ADD BOWLING

Ten Add Bowling is a fun game for students to use their physical competitive nature to connect with numbers. This could easily become a regular brain break activity, or a way to introduce a lesson on place value, number knowledge and basic facts.

Players

Whole class, pairs or groups

Equipment

A ball
Whiteboards or paper to record results
Ten numbered skittles
(or plastic drink bottles)
A smooth, flat surface to play on



How to Play

1. Arrange your class into pairs or groups of three.
2. Ask each group to set up their skittles, either in a traditional triangle or in a group. Set the bowling distance at least ten steps away from the skittles.
3. Students bowl the ball towards the skittles, aiming to knock over as many as they can.
4. Add the numbers on the skittles to reveal a score. The winner is the individual who achieves the largest total.

Variation

This game could also be used for consolidating place value. After each bowl, ask the students to order the digits they knocked over to create the largest number possible.