

Number Rods & Numerals

Activity Sheet · 3–6 yrs · Mathematics

Core Concept

Concrete-to-abstract journey: quantity first, symbol second, then the union of the two.

Four Guided Activities

Rod Sequence. Lay rods in order from 1 to 10, aligning left edges. Count segments on each rod.

Numeral Match. Introduce wooden numerals 1–10. Match each numeral to the correct rod.

Missing Rod. Hide one rod. Ask the child to identify which is missing by counting.

Simple Addition. Combine two short rods end-to-end. Compare to a longer rod. ‘2 and 3 make 5.’

Developmental Milestones to Observe

- Counts 1–10 with 1:1 correspondence
- Matches numeral to quantity
- Identifies missing quantities
- Begins to combine and compare rods

Observation Journal

Use the boxes below over a two-week period. One line per session.

Date	Session length	What absorbed them	Next presentation