**Solving Addition Problems**

* Use counters or draw circles/dots to show the amount each number
* Then add up all the counters or circles/dots

Example:

 5

+ 2

 5

+ 2

 7

 = 7 dots

**Solving Subtraction Problems**

* Use counters or draw circles/dots to show only the biggest/large number in the problem
* Look at the small number, then, move that number of counters away or cross out that number of circles/dots

Example:

 5

- 2

 3

 = 3 dots left

 5

- 2