

# Flexible Fingers

**You need**  a classmate

different-coloured counters for each player

two dice marked with “choose”, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

## Activity

Siva and Jimmy were using their fingers to solve  $6 + 8$ .



They wrote a number sentence to show how they had worked it out:

$$(5 + 5) + (1 + 3) = 14$$


1. How did Siva and Jimmy work out the equation?
2. With a classmate, use your fingers to find the answers to these equations.

Write number sentences to show how you found the answers.

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| a. $9 + 5 =$ | b. $8 + 7 =$ | c. $7 + 9 =$ |
| d. $8 + 6 =$ | e. $6 + 7 =$ | f. $9 + 8 =$ |

## Game

Play this game with a classmate.

- Take turns to roll both dice.
- Use your fingers to show the number on one of the dice and get your classmate to use their fingers to show the number on the other dice.
- If you throw a “choose”, you can choose 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 to be the number for that dice.
- Work out the answer in your head if you can. If you need to, use the fingers you and your classmate are showing. (Hint: First join the 5s together to make 10.)
- Cover the answer on the board with one of your counters. You can't put a counter on a square that's already covered. If you can't put a counter down, you must miss that turn.
- Now it's your classmate's turn to roll the dice.
- The winner is the first player to cover three numbers in a horizontal, 

vertical,

or diagonal row.



13	12	15	14
18	16	13	15
11	15	17	11
12	10	13	14
14	16	17	15