

Beehive Activity – 4b

1. Hand out one blank hive to each student.
2. Say (to each student in turn):
 - ***I'm going to put (state the number) of bees in your hive***
Show a collection of bees to the student (it should be between 1 and 10), and then place them under the hive.
 - ***If (state a number between 1 and 3) bees fly away, how many will be left?***
You may need to repeat how many bees are 'in' the hive and encourage the students to 'count-back' from this number.

If it is still too difficult, you may need to reveal the hidden bees and then encourage the student to 'count-back' while removing some.
3. When student states how many bees will remain, say:
 - ***Get the bees from under the hive, take away (number) of bees and check to see if you are right.***
4. Say (to all):
 - ***Do you all agree?***
5. If there is disagreement, perhaps get all students to count back from the first number as bees are removed to get the correct answer.
6. Say (to all):
 - ***So, (first number) plus (second number) equals (number on the hive) - eg "three plus five equals eight".***
7. If students are confident, arrange them in pairs – students take turns at posing problems for each other using bees and hives in the same way.