

## Beehive Activity – 5

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 the small collection of bees to the student, and then place them under the hive.
  - ***If some more bees arrive...***  
Place another small collection of bees *on* the hive
  - ***...how many bees do you have altogether?***  
You may need to repeat how many bees are already 'in' the hive and encourage the students to 'count-on' from this number.  
  
If it is still too difficult, you may need to reveal the hidden bees and then encourage the student to 'count-on' or 'count them all together'.
3. When student states how many bees there will be, say:
  - ***Get your bees from under the hive, put them with the bees on top 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 on from the first number as bees are added to get the correct answer.
6. Say (to all):
  - ***So, (first number) plus (second number) equals (total number of bees) - 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.