Favourite fruits

Ask your child to name five different fruits – apple, pear, orange, banana and pineapple (any fruits will do). Ask him/her to draw eight apples, six bananas, five pears, seven oranges and six pineapples. The drawing doesn't have to be perfect. Ask the children to cut out the pictures. Now use an A4 page to make a grid similar to that on page 43 of *Busy at Maths 2*. Make sure that the drawings are small enough to fit into the spaces on the grid. Now ask your child to place the apples in the row that shows apples, the pears in the row for pears, and so on. The pictures can be stuck on with glue if you have some. Now ask questions, such as: *How many more apples are there than pears? How many fewer pineapples are there than oranges?* Your child should be able to answer these questions by looking at the data on the pictogram.

Tallies

Tallies are used to count numbers quickly. They are usually done in groups of five.

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Ask your child to observe the number of people who walk/drive/cycle past a window over a five-minute period. Ask him/her to write the numbers as tallies as shown on page 45 of *Busy at Maths 2*.