

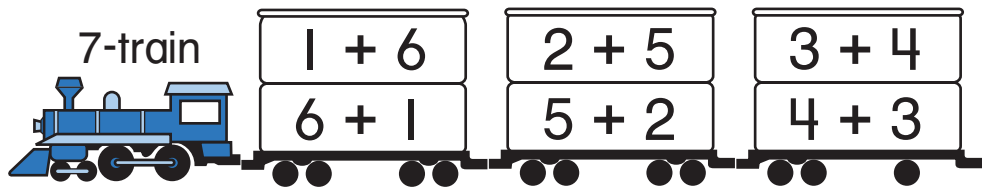
Later children will discover that partners can change places without changing the total. This concept is called “switch the partner.” Once children understand switching partners, they can find the break-aparts of a number more quickly. They simply switch each pair of partners as they discover them.

Shown below are the break-aparts and switched partners of number 7. Sometimes children also write this information on a double-decker train.

Break-Aparts of 7



Double-Decker Train



You will see the break-apart circles and the break-apart train often on your child’s math homework. Be ready to offer help if it is needed. Children are doing these activities in class, but they may still need help at home.

If you have any questions or problems, please talk to your child’s teacher.

*Sincerely,
Your child’s teacher*