

Choose Smart Tools

Students choose an appropriate tool or math way for each problem.

K.1.C “select tools, including real objects, manipulatives, paper and pencil, and technology as appropriate, and techniques, including mental math, estimation, and number sense as appropriate, to solve problems;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 PICK A TOOL _____

a	cubes	pencil	tablet
b	cubes	pencil	tablet
c	cubes	pencil	tablet

2 PICK A WAY _____

a	count	estimate	measure
b	count	estimate	measure

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each problem and all three choices aloud. Students circle the tool or technique that fits the problem, showing that different problems call for different ways to solve.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • PICK A TOOL

SAY “Listen to each problem. I will read the choices in each row. Circle one choice for each problem.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	You need to build a tower with 5 pieces. I will read cubes, pencil, tablet. Which tool can you build a tower with?	cubes
b	You need to write the number 6 on paper. I will read cubes, pencil, tablet. Which tool can you write with?	pencil
c	You need to open an app that reads a number story aloud. I will read cubes, pencil, tablet. Which tool can open the app?	tablet

PART 2 • PICK A WAY

SAY “Now listen for a math way to use. I will read the choices in each row. Circle one choice for each problem.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Look at the 6 pencils I placed on the table. You need the exact number of pencils. I will read count, estimate, measure. Which way should you use?	count
b	Look quickly at this large handful of paper clips. You need a close number, not an exact number, and you may not touch or point to them. I will read count, estimate, measure. Which way should you use?	estimate

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are cubes, pencil, tablet. Part 2 answers are count, estimate. Accept a clearly circled choice only.