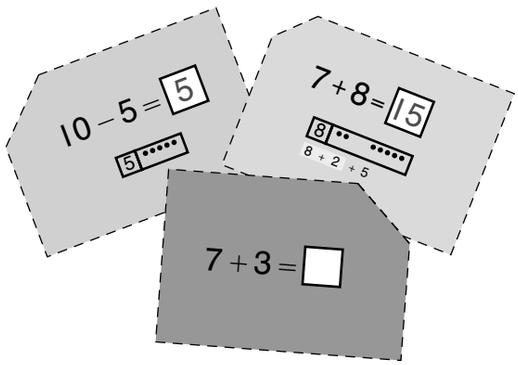
Understanding Addition and Subtraction

THE GOAL OF UNIT 1 is to explore numbers to 18 by breaking apart each total into two smaller numbers called "partners." Children discover the numbers "hiding" inside other numbers and come to understand the ten hiding inside teen numbers, for example, 14 = 10 + 4. Understanding the concept of two partners embedded in a number is a precursor to adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers and to understanding the inverse relationships of addition and subtraction.