



**UNIT 2 WEEK 1 - Exploring Manipulatives**  
Group 1 2 3 4

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**5 Corresponder:** Keeps 1:1 correspondence between counting words and objects (one word

for each object) -a responder may answer the question, "How many?" by recounting the objects. "How many? There are 1, 2, 3, 4."

**6 Counter (small numbers):** Accurately counts objects in a line up to 5 and can answer the question, "How many?" with the last number counted (Begins to understand cardinality: the answer to how many..."1, 2, 3, 4, 5, there are 5.")

**7 Producer (small numbers):** Counts out objects up to five. When asked to show four objects, the child counts out or "produces" four objects.





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**8 Counting Comparer:** Makes accurate comparisons via counting, but only when objects are about the same size and groups are small (1-5 items).

**9 Counting Comparer 5:** States how many more or how many less, up to five.

**10 Counting Comparer 10:** This level can be observed when the student compares sets by counting, even when a larger collection's objects are smaller, up to 10. A student at this level can accurately count two collections of 9 items each and says they have the same number, even if one collection has larger blocks.

