

Using the template from the previous page, or a drawn one, and

small items (lego bricks, pasta shapes) make sets in each oval with your child. Then read the sentence underneath to combine the sets. You don't need to write in the numbers, the value of this activity is in your child making the sets and then identifying what each one contains and what they combine to make. Do this activity lots of times over the week, even if it is very easy for your child, manipulating real objects when doing maths is vital to internalise the maths skills. Taking turns in making the sums and answering them.

You can also do similar activities out loud with your child during daily routines - Caoimhe has three grapes and Róisín has four – how many do they have altogether?