# THINKING WITH NUMBERS
## Lesson Descriptions

**Describing Missing Parts & Whole**

Describing a part and the whole and considering the other part, without action, is another everyday situation that can be represented by subtraction. These situations involve missing parts. For example, asking how bananas are in a bowl when there are 7 pieces of fruit and 4 pears is a whole - part = part situation with no action. Describing a part and the whole and asking how many are in the other part involves subtraction.

Expected content outcomes include helping children learn:
- to recognize describing parts and the whole can be represented by subtraction,
- to use numbers and the minus sign to represent subtraction, and
- to recognize when subtraction can be used to represent describing parts and the whole situations in everyday life.