

**EASY PLACE VALUE** 

### **Reading and Writing Teen Numbers**

The teen numbers present a challenge as the numbers are spoken in reverse order to the numbers 20-99 and to their written symbols. For example: 16 - "**six**teen" Six ones and one ten as opposed to "sixty-one" being six tens and one one.\*

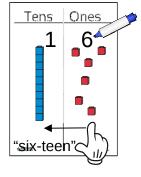
They also have very similar names to the "ty" tens numbers. "Sixteen" can sound very similar to "sixty". Because of this, emphasis on the difference is crucial to the correct writing and reading of the numbers.

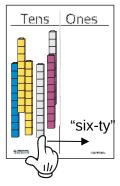
#### 1. Showing teen numbers with Unifix cubes.

This activity can be done as a small group activity or by students individually.



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- Have students write the teen numbers shown on Template 1 worksheet attached. Include some numbers with zero ones, such as 70.
- Repeat with other regular teen numbers: 19, 18, 17, 14

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<sup>\*</sup> This is not an issue in Asian languages as they say teen numbers as "one ten two", "one ten three", etc. It is mainly European languages which have this complication with teen numbers.



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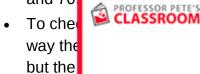
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### 2. Using the Easy Place Value Gadget

- Repeat the steps above with the number 17
- Select Unifix cubes from the resources.
- Close the NUMERAL box.
- Put out 17: enter 17 > OK on the keypad.
- Repeat the above questioning with the on-screen resources asking "What number is shown?",
  etc.
- Open the Numeral box and discuss answer.

 Read the answer together, emphasizing the difference between 17 and 70



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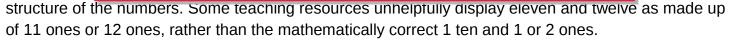
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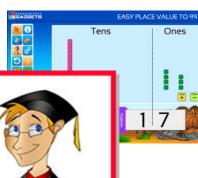


- Show 12 with Unifix cubes
- **Ask:** What number is this? ("twelve")
- Say: This number is quite different from all the others in the sound of its name, but it really is just another number this time made up of 1 ten and 2 ones. Perhaps if we had called it "twoteen" it would have been easier?
- Repeat this process with 11

#### 5. Mix all numbers 0-99

- Quiz the students on any number from 0-99. Include numbers with no ones as well as teens and 2-9 tens and ones.
- Check for fluency in pronunciation and writing.
- Print off copies of the worksheets and complete activities, including showing numbers with Unifix cubes.





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