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Record as you go

Pairs take a tally strip on a clipboard and survey ten classmates. One asks and records while the other watches that a mark is made before the next person is asked, then they swap.

"Mark it before you move on."

"Ten students answered. How many marks have you got?"

2

Keep the bundles

Pairs carry on to fifteen responses across three categories, recording in bundles of five and not stopping to recount between answers.

"Close the bundle when you get to five."

"How many so far, without counting every stroke?"

3

Two recorders, one survey

Two pairs record the same survey at the same time without looking at each other's sheets, then lay the two sheets side by side and compare them column by column.

"Do your two sheets say the same thing?"

"If they do not, which one is right and how can you find out?"

4

The answer that fits no column

Set up a three column sheet and arrange for one classmate to give an answer that fits none of them, such as coming to school by scooter. Let the pair decide what to do with it.

"Where does that mark go?"

"What did you do, and why is that fairer than the nearest column?"

5

Check it against what was said

Hand each pair the printed tally with the mistakes in it and read the eight answers out again while they check mark by mark.

"Tick off the mark that matches each answer."

"Which marks were left over? What does that tell you?"

Tally strips. Print one for each pair.

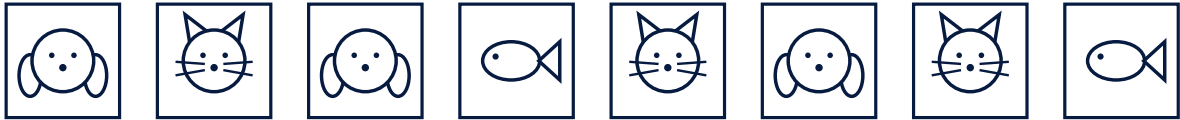
 dog	 cat	 fish

 car	 bus	 bike

 apple	 banana	 grapes

The tally with the mistakes in it. Print one for the board.

These are the eight answers, in the order they were given. Read them out one at a time while the class checks the tally underneath.



 dog	 cat	 fish
		

Two of the cat answers were marked in the dog column.