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What's the target number?

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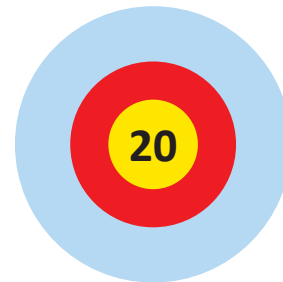
The purpose of this task is to help your child to:

- apply their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to a calculation task
- quickly recall basic facts

You need a piece of paper, a pencil, and a timer (egg timer, oven timer).

Here's what to do:

Draw a bullseye on the piece of paper.
Write in the centre the target number for the day.



1. To start with it may be best if this number is a 2-digit number that is less than 30, but this will depend on your child. (You could have them choose their own target number and write it in the bullseye).
2. Set the timer, or agree on a time to complete the task.
3. Your child should then quickly write on the paper all the ways they can think of to 'make that number', using any or all of the operations of $+$ $-$ \times or \div
4. When the time is up, together check each equation for accuracy, and then record the number of correct equations made in the agreed time.
5. Repeat the task on another day and have your child try to beat their own total from the previous time. Each time challenge your child to extend their thinking.

Obviously there are an infinite number of equation possibilities.

