Building Fluency: decomposing numbers less than 10 into pairs

Materials: 10 beans or other small objects or other manipulative, piece of paper, recording sheet, cubes

Number of Players: 2

Directions:

- 1. Players determine which player is "on" and which player is "off".
- 2. Player 1 takes 10 beans, drops them over a piece of paper, and records how many beans land on the paper and how many land off of the paper.
- 3. If more beans land on the paper, Player 1 gets a cube. If more beans land off the paper, Player 2 gets a cube.
- 4. Player 2 takes 10 beans, drops them over a piece of paper, and records how many beans land on the paper and how many beans land off the paper.
- 5. Play continues for 10 rounds. The winner is the player with the most cubes at the end of the rounds.

Variation/Extension: If using two color beans or other small objects, players could count how many red, how many yellow. Students could use sentence frames if they find the recording sheet confusing: There are _____ beans on the paper. There are _____ beans off the paper. Students could also use different sizes of paper.

On and Off

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