## Abacus Investigation

Here is an abacus showing tens and ones.
6 beads are used to make the number 51.


What numbers can be made with $\mathbf{3}$ beads?

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What numbers can be made with 4 beads?


What numbers can be made with 5 beads?


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## Challenge

Look at how many different numbers can be made with 3,4 and 5 beads. How can you use this to predict how many numbers will be made with 6 and 7 beads? How many numbers can be made with 6 and 7 beads?

6 beads: $\qquad$ numbers $\qquad$
7 beads: $\qquad$ numbers $\qquad$

How many numbers can be made with 8 and 9 beads?

8 beads: $\qquad$ numbers $\qquad$

9 beads: $\qquad$ numbers $\qquad$

What happens with 10 beads that might make it different?
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## Abacus Investigation Answers

3 beads: (4 numbers) 3, 12, 21, 30
4 beads: (5 numbers) 4, 13, 22, 31, 40
5 beads: ( 6 numbers) 5, 14, 23, 32, 41, 50
6 beads: (7 numbers) 6, 15, 24, 33, 42, 51, 60
7 beads: (8 numbers) 7, 16, 25, 34, 43, 52, 61, 70
8 beads: ( 9 numbers) $8,17,26,35,44,53,62,71,80$
9 beads: (10 numbers) $9,18,27,36,45,54,63,72,81,90$
10 beads: You cannot have 10 beads on a stick, so there would not be 11 numbers. The possible numbers are 19, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64, 73, 82, 91.

