# Year 1 Unit 17 Extension Activity
## We can calculate simple division sums with objects
## We can recognise and write the division symbol

Try starting with a number of blocks, e.g. 8

Ask your child how they can group them so that all the groups are the same size.
They may start with two groups of 4 blocks. Now ask them how they can 'say' this.

They may say:
There are two groups of 4 in 8
I can split 8 into two groups of 4
8 divided by 2 is 4
If I divide 8 into two groups I get 4

All of these are correct

Now ask them to group 8 in a different way and repeat the exploration of how they can say it.

There are two skills being developed here. The first is to be able to split a number of objects into even groups and understand what is happening – dividing.
The second is the use and understanding of different mathematical language, which is a key skill for the future.

Also, try writing down simple divisions, e.g. 12 ÷ 3 = 4
First ask your child to read this and explain it to you. Then ask them to 'make' that division using blocks or counters and explain it to you.