## Stop the bus!

Children write number sentences to show understanding of number order.

## **Skills practised:**

- Saying one more than a 2-digit number
- Saying one less than a 2-digit number
- Saying which two numbers a 2-digit number is between

**Conjecture**: It is possible to describe the position of a 2-digit number using any of the words or phrases: one more than/ one less than/ between.

## What to do:

Children work individually or in pairs.

1. Four buses are parked in the bus station



Can children fill in their numbers?

They must be **consecutive**, **2-digit** numbers, like 12, 13, 14, 15 or 78, 79, 80, 81 etc.

2. Ask children to write a sentence for each bus to describe its number. Use at least one of these words or groups of words in each sentence:

one more than

one less than

between

**CHALLENGE**: Can they write a sentence for one of the numbers that uses all three key words/ phrases?

## Aims:

- To better understand number order.
- To secure counting on and back in ones.
- To practise identifying one more and one less.

Minimum number of sentences expected:

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