Hidden Pennies

Grade Level: Kindergarten
Mathematics Domain and Cluster:
Domain: Operations and Algebraic Thinking
Cluster: Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking
apart and taking from.
Common Core standard(s) being assessed (if the task is intended to assess only one part of the
standard, underline that part of the standard):
K.OA.3: Decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way, e.g., by using
objects or drawings, and record each decomposition by a drawing or equation.
Student Materials:
Hidden Pennies Assessment
Pennies or Counters
• Cup
Pencils The second secon
Teacher Materials:
None
Directions (for teacher to administer assessment task):
Provide students access to the counters and a cup
Hand out the Pennies Assessment.
Trana out the remnes Assessment.
Differentiation:
 Students can represent their thinking using the counters and a cup. The teacher can take
pictures as evidence of understanding. To gain a better understanding of students thinking the
teacher can ask the student to explain how they solved the problem.
Prompt:
Say: Today you are going to solve a problem about pennies.
Read the prompt: There are 5 pennies in all. Some are hidden under a cup and some are not.
How many pennies could be under the cup? How many pennies could be outside of the cup?
Show 3 different solutions.
Correct Model or Answer:
Possible Picture Solutions

Possible Number Sentence Solutions

3 + 2 = 5

1 + 4 = 5

4 + 1 = 5

Possible Table Solution

Pennies In	Pennies Out
1	4
2	3
3	2
4	1

Scoring Guide/Rubric (a score should be awarded for each criterion below)					
Criteria (CCSS code)	0 points	1 Point	2 Point		
Decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way (K.OA.3)	Student is unable to accurately show 5 using a drawings or equations.	Student accurately shows 1-2 different ways to make 5 using drawings and/or equations.	Student accurately shows 3 different ways to make 5 using drawings and/or equations.		

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How many pennies could be under the cup? How many pennies could be outside of the cup? Show 3 different solutions.				
Solution 1:				
How many pennies are there in all?	_			
Pennies Outside the Cup	Pennies Inside the Cup			
Solution 2:				
How many pennies are there in all?	_			
Pennies Outside the Cup	Pennies Inside the Cup			
Solution 3:				
How many pennies are there in all?	_			
Pennies Outside the Cup	Pennies Inside the Cup			

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