Is There Another Way?

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

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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.5: Fluently add and subtract within 5.

Student Materials:

- Is There Another Way? Assessment
- Five Frame
- Counters
- Pencils

Teacher Materials:

None

Directions (for teacher to administer assessment task):

• Pass out Is There Another Way? assessment

Differentiation:

- Prompt students to use their five frame and counters to help them solve the problem
- Teacher may dictate student explanations if necessary.

Prompt:

Say: Today you are going to look at how someone else solved an addition problem. You need to decide if this is the only way to solve the problem.

2 + 3 =

Katie's Solution





2



3 5

1

Is there another way to solve the problem?



Solve the problem another way.



* The strategies shown shows "counting on" which is an efficient strategy kindergarteners can use to combine two numbers.

Scoring Guide or Rubric:

Scoring Guide/Rubric (a score should be awarded for each criterion below)					
Criteria (CCSS code)	0 points	1 Point	2 Point		
Fluently add within 5. (K.OA.5)	Student is unable to identify that there is another way to solve the problem.	Student accurately identifies that there is another way to solve the problem.	Student accurately identifies that there is another way to solve the problem.		
		Student tries to solve the problem using another strategy.	Student accurately solves the problem using a different strategy.		

Name	Date
Is There Another Way?	
Problem:	
Katie solved the addition problem below. Is there a more efficient way to solve it?	
2 + 3 =	
2 1 3 =	
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Katie's Solution	
1 2 3 4 5	
2 + 3 = 5	
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Is there another way to solve the problem? YE	S NO
Solve the problem using another strategy.	

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