

GUIDE TO TOMMY TWO

Brief version of the story for teachers and parents

Number two is Tommy Two, King One's helper. Tommy Two always does everything in two's like bringing King One two cups of tea instead of one. Tommy Two also helps to tie King One's shoelaces, as he hasn't learnt how to do them up yet. This is the reason for Tommy Two's '2' shape and direction, because Tommy Two always kneels down in front of King One to help him lace up his shoes.



What you need to have ready:

Tommy Two and King One flashcards
Crown for King One (see PA1.09)
Tie for Tommy Two

HOW TO INTRODUCE TOMMY TWO

What you say to the children is in italics
What you do is in brackets

(Hold up the King One flashcard, to the left of the Tommy Two flashcard so the children can see the characters.)

This story is about a friend of King One's. His name is Tommy Two and his job is to look after King One. Yes, King One is such a busy person that he needs someone to help him. The person who helps him is called Tommy Two. King One hasn't learnt to tie his shoelaces yet, so one of Tommy Two's main jobs is to kneel down and lace them up.

(Turn over the flashcard so you can see the number two shape)

He enjoys doing things in two's, like polishing King One's two shoes and scrubbing the castle floor with two scrubbing brushes. Tommy Two sometimes gets into a muddle because he tries to do two things at once! One day he accidentally tied King One's shoelaces together. Luckily King One thought it was very funny when he fell over in a heap!

(Re-tell the story, with one child being King One with a crown and Tommy Two, wearing a tie)

Number Formation

(Hold the Tommy Two flashcard)
Let's write a number two together.

***"Hands round to knees,
Then straight across please."***

Ideas for practical number formation:

- Ask the children to re-tell Tommy Two's story in their own words.
- Ask the children to come and write a number two on the board
- Ask a few children to come and "trace" over the number on both sides of the flashcard with their fingers.
- Make number two's using thick string glued onto card. The children can then take 'rubblings'.
- Draw very large two's in chalk on the hall floor or in the playground for the children to walk around. Encourage them to repeat the rhyme as the walk.
- Laminate a picture of Tommy Two and ask the children to form the number using Play-doh or Plasticine. (Reusable A4 laminated character cards are available to purchase separately for this purpose).
- Once the children have practiced writing two's in the air and in sand, move onto writing on a chalk board, white board or IWB.

Where next?

Ten Town was created primarily as a numeracy scheme; however Ten Town offers many cross-curricular opportunities that can be implemented across all the areas of learning and development within the revised EYFS framework.

Tommy Two helps develop Communicating and Language (CL) as children play games that involve speaking and listening. There are also links to Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSE) as they discuss how Tommy Two makes relationships and looks after other people.

As with all of Ten Town, there are links to Expressive Arts and Design (EAD) as the children learn about Tommy Two they will sing songs, dance and use their imagination during the many opportunities for role-play and storytelling.

There are a range of teaching resources for the character Tommy Two:

Tommy Two's printable resources:

- **Practical Activities (PAs).**

There are 11 Tommy Two Practical Activities including things to make like *Tommy Two's Washing Line* and things to do like *Tommy Two's Guessing Game* along with over 25 suggested extension tasks. Each activity contains suggested areas of learning and development along with the Early Learning Goals that the activities work towards.

- **Consolidation Activity Sheets (CAs).**

These printable sheets include "identifying sets of two" sheets, a number formation tracing sheet, as well as some fun colouring-in activities.

- **Sing-along Song Lyrics**

To help you accompany Tommy Two's song.

- **Finger Modelling sheet**
How to finger model the numbers.
- **Tommy Two's Certificates**
There are four certificates available to print
 - i) For demonstrating correct number formation
 - ii) For good work
 - iii) For good effort
 - iv) Ten Town Reward Chart - to be used with the Ten Town Sticker Pack (sold separately).

Tommy Two's online resources – also via Ten Town Map:

- **Tommy Two animated story**
Animated introduction to the Tommy Two story
- **Tommy Two animated song**
Tommy Two's song to the tune of '*If you're happy and you know it*'
- **Tommy Two's Matching Pairs Game**
Match the pairs of Ten Town characters.
- **Tommy Two Tracing Game**
Practice formation of the number two. The two levels allow for differing abilities of mouse control.
- **Tommy Two's More or Less Game (Coming Soon)**
This is a fun way to practice this important mathematical concept.
- **Tommy Two's Activities**
These are interactive versions of the "find the sets" consolidation activities. They can be modelled as a group activity on an IWB or then played by an individual on a computer.

How to use the resources:

Below is a flow chart that gives you a simple way to use the resources. This is just a suggestion. You can use them to suit your children's learning style.

As there are many Practical Activities, Interactive and Printed Consolidation Activities, these can be repeated as required.

TOMMY TWO: SUGGESTED LEARNING PATHWAY