

# Posing a question and collecting data with a tally

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## HOW TO ANSWER TODAY

- **Tally marks.** Tally marks come in gates of 5. Count gates  $\times$  5, then add the singles.  
 $3 \text{ gates} + 2 \text{ singles} \rightarrow 3 \times 5 + 2 = 17$
- **Mode (most common).** The mode is the number that appears MOST OFTEN.  
 $2, 2, 3, 5, 2, 7 \rightarrow 2 \text{ appears three times} \rightarrow \text{mode is } 2$

## TRY IT ON THE LINE

Record the class survey as a tally, then count the totals.

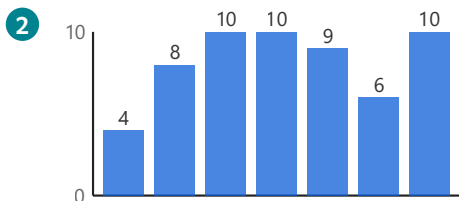
Category	Tally	Count
Option 1		
Option 2		
Option 3		
Option 4		

1. Make one tally mark for each response.
2. Cross the fifth mark to make a gate of five.
3. Write the total for each row.

## PRACTICE

- 1 Mr Ó Briain's the class do a survey on pocket money and find that 12 pupils get a small amount each week. He records the 12 responses as a tally using gate marks. How many full groups of 5 will the tally have, and how many extra single marks?

A class survey records 12 responses for one option. How many groups of 5 (gate marks) will the tally have, and how many extra single marks?



Ms. Kelly's 3rd class records how many books each pupil read during Seachtain na Leabhar. The totals are 4, 8, 10, 10, 9, 6 and 10 books. What is the mode of the number of books read?