## Lesson 3

## Manipulating beads with pointer and thumb

Setting the rule for adding and subtracting beads makes abacus operation smoother. In each problem, choose $A, B$, or $C$ below to add or subtract the bead(s). When deducting both upper and lower beads, make sure to deduct the lower beads first, then deduct the upper bead. The arrow indicates the operation. For instance, the arrows pointing towards the bar indicates addition. The arrows pointing away from the bar indicates subtraction.
A. Thumb: for adding lower bead(s)
B. Thumb and Pointer Together: for adding a number that involves both upper and lower bead(s)
C. Pointer: for adding and subtracting the upper bead, and subtracting lower bead(s)

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| $\#$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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|  | A | A | C | B | A | B | A | B | B |


| $\#$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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|  | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |

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| (7) <br> $+4$ | (8) | (9) $+6$ |
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| [A] Push 4 beads to the bar. | [B] Push both upper and 4 lower beads to the bar. | [B] Push both upper and 1 lower bead to the bar. |
| (10) 1-1 | (11) 4-4 | (12) $5-5$ |
| [C] Push 1 lower bead away from the bar. | [C] Push 4 lower beads away from the bar. | [C] Push the upper bead away from the bar. |
| (13) 3-3 | (14) $7-7$ <br> 2 <br> 1 | (15) 2-2 |
| [C] Push 3 lower beads away from the bar. | [C] Push 2 lower beads away from the bar first, then push the upper bead away from the bar. | [C] Push 2 lower beads away from the bar. |

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[C] Push 1 lower bead away from
the bar first, then push the upper

bead away from the bar. \begin{tabular}{l}
[C] Push 3 lower beads away from <br>
the bar first, then push the upper <br>
bead away from the bar.

 

[C] Push 4 lower beads away from <br>
the bar first, then push the upper <br>
bead away from the bar.
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*For problems \#14,16,17, and 18, you can also use your pointer and thumb simultaneously to subtract those numbers.

