In abacus (a) above, spike **T** has **5** beads and spike **O** has **2** beads. Therefore, it represents the number **52**. Similarly, in abacus (c), spike **T** has beads and **O** has one bead. Hence it represents **41**. In abacus (c), spike **T** has beads and **O** has **2** beads. Therefore, it represents **32**.

Note: 1. Please explain to the children that an abacus has spikes to represent numbers even beyond hundreds.

2. Each spike in an abacus can have maximum 9 beads only.

We know that one more than 9 is 10 and it is represented by 1 bead in spike H.

Also, one more than 99 is 100 and it is represented by 1 bead in spike H.

Exercise

Write the number that each abacus represents.

