

In abacus (a) above, spike **T** has 5 beads and spike **O** has 2 beads. Therefore, it represents the number **52**. Similarly, in abacus (b) spike **T** has 4 beads and **O** has one bead. Hence it represents **41**. In abacus (c), spike **T** has 3 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 **T**. 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.

