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

1   4   =   14

4   1   =   41

7   0   =   70

3   2   =   32

7   3   =   73

5   4   =   54

4   2   3   =   423

5   5   3   =   553

2   2   3   =   223