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.

T   O
1   4   =   14

4   1   =   41

T   O
1   0   =   70

3   2   =   32

1   3   =   73

5   4   =   54

H   T   O
4   2   3   =   423

5   5   3   =   553

2   3   3   =   233