



1. Start by writing the number in expanded form. Your child should be an expert at this.

2. Your child will need to decompose (or break apart) either the thousands, OR the hundreds tens, OR the tens. If there are multiple hundreds or tens, your child only needs to decompose one. In the picture shown to the left, the thousands are being decomposed into ten hundreds. The original number (1,334) stays the same, but it is written differently. It is now written as

$1,334 = 1,300 + 30 + 4$  because the thousands have been added to the hundreds.

3. Other acceptable answers are:

- $1,334 = 1,000 + 300 + 20 + 14$  Here one of the tens has been decomposed and given to the ones
- $1,334 = 1,000 + 200 + 130 + 4$  Here one of the hundreds has been decomposed into ten tens (which equals 100) and added to the 3 tens that are part of the original number.