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The principle of this activity is using 1, 2, 3 and 4 to make all numbers to 9 (1, 2, 3, 4, 4+1 or 3+2, 1+2+3 or 4+2, 1+2+4 or 3+4, 1+3+4, 2+3+4). Use these to make the required multiples of 100.