



Counting and Number Recognition

Counting can be taught in almost any activity you do, from counting the steps and stairs you walk up, to tidying away toys. There are countless songs that can be taught that include counting such as five little monkeys or ten in the bed.

Recognising and linking quantities to numerals can be achieved in many ways and is an important early maths skill that lays the foundation for more advanced mathematical concepts. Here are some steps and strategies to help teach number recognition effectively:

- Using the boards on page 2 and 3 count out any of the items on page 5 to make quantity match numeral.
- Using the number cards on page 4 you can play:
 - Number Hunt - Hide the number cards around your home, garden or local park. Ask your child to find a particular number. When they return with the correct number ask them to move in a particular way and count. eg: If they find the number five then they need to clap five times.
 - Number pairs - print out two copies of page 4 and lay them face down on the table. Each player turns over two cards and says the numbers they can see. If the numbers match they win those cards.
 - Use the number cards with the counting mat on page 6. Choose a number and count out any items you have around the home. Use the chart on page 5 for ideas.
- The tracing numbers at the end of the download can be used in a variety of ways:
 - They can be decorated using a variety of material and methods such as with pens, paints, tissue paper, pompoms or anything that can be glued in place. - Check out fine motor weather activity for ideas.
 - Use the numbers as playdough mats and make play dough sausages to use to trace the numbers. You can also trace using wool, string or ribbon
 - Paint them grey and make them into a race track for cars.
 - Place under a plastic cover cloth and use in sensory play with shaving foam, sand or salt.



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	10

1	2	3
4	5	6
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10	11	12

I Can Count



coins



pasta



fruit



dinosaurs



leaves



jellybeans



buttons



socks



diggers



coins



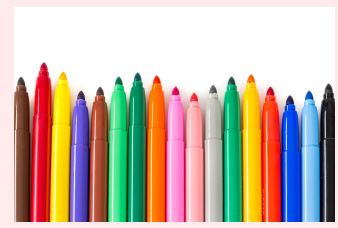
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pom poms



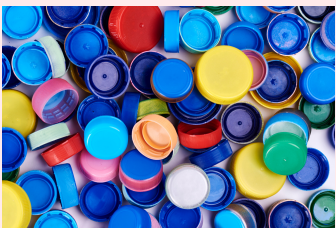
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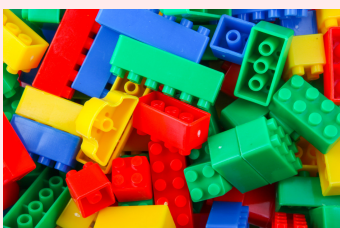
pens



trees



bottle tops



Lego



figures



pencils



birds

My Counting Mat

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place number
card here

