

Story Maths: Act It Out

Use role-play and materials to represent the maths inside a story. Act out the action, show it with counters, talk about what happened, then record the result with a numeral.

Tell the story with counters

“Eight kangaroos were drinking at the river, and three hopped away.”



Three hopped away from eight — count how many are left: five.

SPOTLIGHT Tell it, show it, record it

Three steps turn a spoken story into a recorded result.

1 Tell it

Say the story and the action aloud.

2 Show it

Use counters to act out the story.

3 Record it

Write the result as a numeral.

Role-play the story

Have children act out the characters and the action.

Model with materials

Set out counters for each part of the story.

Discuss and record

Talk about what happened, then write the numeral.