

How Counting Works

Build the language and process of counting: count each object once, in order, and know that the last number tells how many – no matter how the objects are arranged.

1

Count once

Touch each object one time as you say a number.

2

Say them in order

Use the number names in the same order every time.

3

Last number counts

The last number you say tells how many.

4

Order does not matter

Move them around – the number stays the same.

The same five, arranged differently



count in a line → five



count in a group
→ still five

Count in play

Count steps, jumps and claps aloud while children play.

Count with actions

Point to or move each object as the number is said.

Songs & rhymes

Sing counting songs and count objects in stories.