

Counting Higher

Use your fingers, objects, or motions to add fun as your child counts to 10 or higher.

Our number system is based on 10, so it is useful to get plenty of practice using these important numbers.

8...9...10



I let him go again.



Why this is important

Counting games offer your child practice using the words from 1 to 10 (or more, if she is ready) in sequence. The numerical system in our country is based on 10. When a child masters 10s, it is a good start on the whole system.

What you do

- Use a fingerplay song to help your child practice numbers from 1 to 10:

Sing

One, two, three, four, five,

I caught a fish alive.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,

I let him go again.

Play

Close the fingers on one hand to make a fist.

Enclose your first fist with your second hand.

Open up the fingers of your second hand.

Put your hands together and move them back and forth to look like a swimming fish.

- Practice counting with pegs, crayons, or clothespins. You can also use motions such as walking up stairs, hopping on one foot, or clapping your hands to count.
- Say the number clearly as you illustrate it. Encourage your child to say the number during the action.

Ready to move on?

Pay attention to your child's progress with counting. Add more numbers when you think she is ready.

Let's read together!

Feast For 10
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