

Your child will be able to do many of the following:

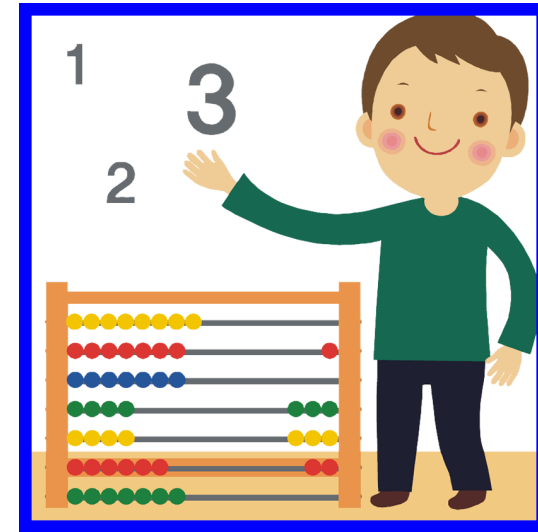
- Recognise some numbers up to 10.
- Count to 10 and beyond.
- Count objects up to 6 in a group.
- Know some number rhymes such as "3 Little Ducks Went Swimming."

How can you help your child make progress:

- Count together.
- Talk about numbers.
- Point our numbers in the environment such as numbers on front doors.
- Count the steps when walking up and down the stairs.
- Count how many steps you take when walking to the shops, park etc.

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Help Your Child with Numbers Foundation Stage



How to help with numbers

Make numbers available in the child's surroundings from the time he or she is a toddler. Hang posters with pictures of numbers at the child's eye level on playroom or bedroom walls. Use colourful images that are fun for the child to look at. Number Jacks and Num Tums on Cbeebies has pictures on its website that show numbers as silly characters that will catch a child's attention. If they are exposed to what numbers look like, it will be easier for them to understand the concept of numbers later on.

Work numbers into conversation with the child. Parents can count out the seconds it takes for the child to brush his/her teeth. On walks, point out flowers or animals to the child: "Look at the ducks. I see one, two three, four ducks." Each morning, count out how many days have passed so far that month. The child will learn not only what the names of numbers are but will start to understand the concept of counting.

Teach the child songs about numbers. Songs are fun for the child to sing, and will help him to memorise the name and orders of numbers. "Ten in the Bed" and "Five Little Ducks" are songs that include numbers and are appropriate for pre-schoolers.



Now that the child is familiar with basic numbers, start teaching counting to help him/her put the numbers into practice. Cooking can be a useful way for him to start learning about counting and measurements, and he/she will enjoy making their own food.

Now that he/she knows his numbers and understands counting from one to ten, play counting games that requires him/her to count with minimal help from adults. Scholastic suggests playing games with dice, dominoes and playing cards to help children practice their counting and sorting skills.

