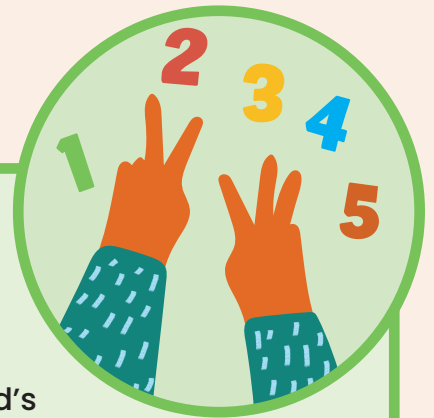


Everyday ELLA ideas for counting



Teaching simple counting is easy and fun. Saying numbers in order from memory is called rote counting. Counting in a different language is a good starting point for language learning and maths. It can help children learn that number concepts are more than just the words we use. Watch your child's excitement as you learn to count together in another language!

Everyday counting

Make counting part of your day:

- Count the socks as you sort them.
- Count apples as you put them in the supermarket trolley.
- Count people, cars or bikes going past.

Solve simple problems

Asking your child to solve simple problems helps to give meaning to counting:

- If there are four people having afternoon tea, how many biscuits will we need?
- Set the table for dinner. How many plates, forks and spoons will we need?

Play 'number soup'

Practise counting with this simple game.

Equipment

- 1 large bowl or wok
- 1 pair of tongs or chopsticks
- 4–9 small containers, each holding items from home, such as marbles, shells, pasta spirals, milk bottle lids, buttons or pompoms. These are your 'ingredients'.

Instructions

1. Your child says, 'Tell me a number for the soup'.
2. You say a number between 1 and 10 in the chosen language; for example, 2.
3. Your child then uses the tongs or chopsticks to count 2 of each ingredient into the bowl or wok, and stirs to create your number soup!
4. With your child, count the soup ingredients in your chosen language.
5. Together, pretend to eat the soup. Yum!



Print the number chart and learn to count with your child in a new language!