First Learning

Counting GAMES

Hide and seek



You need: An object to hide, someone to hide the object.

How to play:

- Close your eyes and count to 10 out loud.
- While you count, ask someone to hide an agreed object somewhere.
- When you have counted to 10, go and find the object.
- Take turns counting and hiding the object.

Egg carton counting

You need: A dice, an empty egg carton or ice-cube tray, pom-poms or other small objects to fit in the egg carton.

How to play:

- Roll the dice.
- Put the same amount of pom-poms into the egg carton to make the number shown on the dice.
- Repeat.
- You could play this with a friend or family member and take turns.
- Extend this game by rolling the dice twice and adding the two amounts. You will need a longer egg carton or two egg cartons to do this.
- If you want another challenge, try using tweezers to pick up the pom-poms.



Posting fun

You need: Number cards 0–10 (you could write numbers 0–10 on separate pieces of paper), small beads or bricks, old cardboard box with a rectangle cut in it.

How to play:

- Choose one of the number cards.
- Say the number.
- Count the same amount of objects.
- Now count as you post each one through the 'letterbox'.
- Take turns with a friend or family member to make each number to 10.



Challenge



How to Play:

- Have a competition with someone in your house.
- Shout a number 0-10.
- Who can be the first to find that number of items?
- Count the items to check they have got the correct amount.
- Repeat.
- You could say '4 socks' to make it more challenging, instead of finding any items.