

Early Counting



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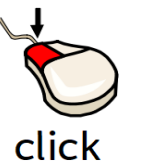
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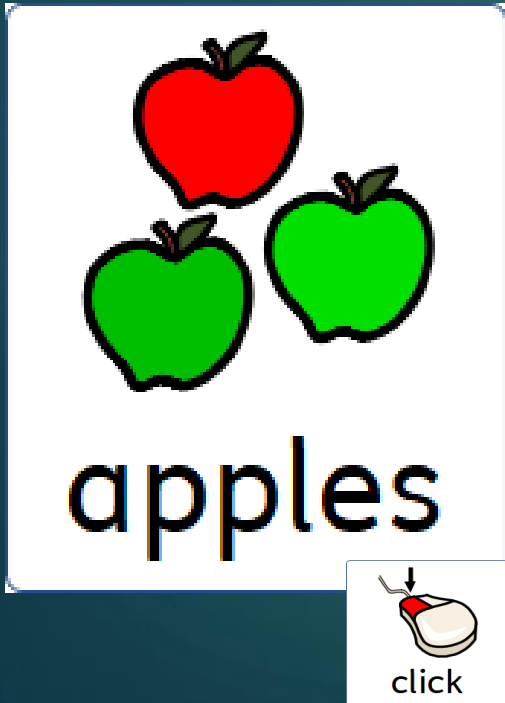
How to use this resource

1. Work through the different pages. Complete any activities together.
2. Follow the steps to learn and practice the skill.
3. Click on images with this symbol to watch fun clips
4. Complete the additional ideas and activities to help you practice the skill.



We call today's skill "1 to 1
correspondence."

Why is it important?



What happens when it goes
wrong?

Click on the apples to find



When our children are learning to count, they need to learn to say one number name for every item that they are counting.

Here are some ways that you can help, even if your child isn't speaking yet

1 sound for 1 action or item.



1 bang

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1 bang

You could use pots and pans, or claps and actions.

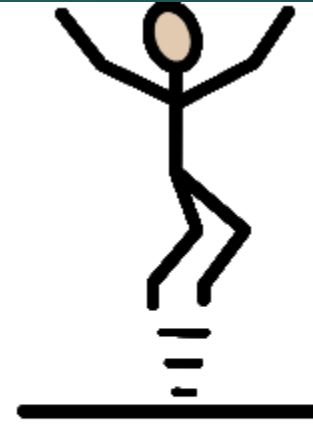
Every time you make 1 sound, encourage your child to make 1 sound.



walk



stamp



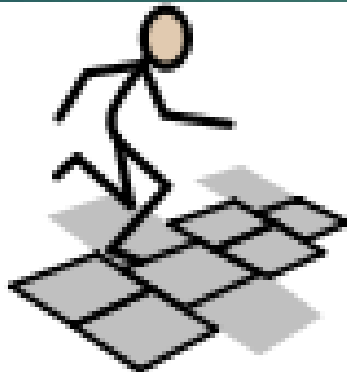
jump



shake



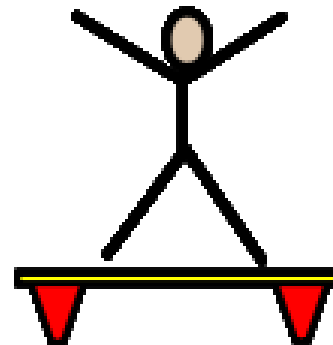
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hop



clap

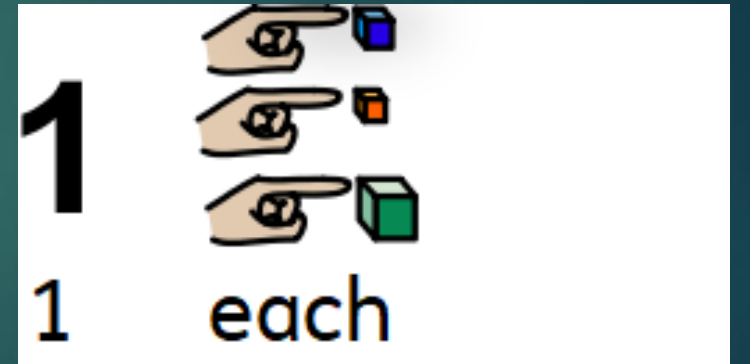
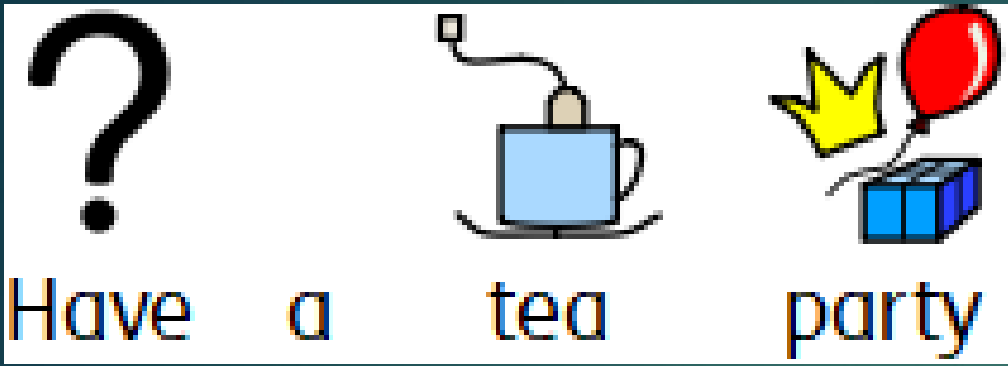


star jump



You could:

- show one, safe, action on every step of the stairs
- lay tea towels on the carpet and do one star jump on each tea towel
- play copy me games with only one of each action each time
- take turns with family members to do one action each, down the line, or when pointed to.

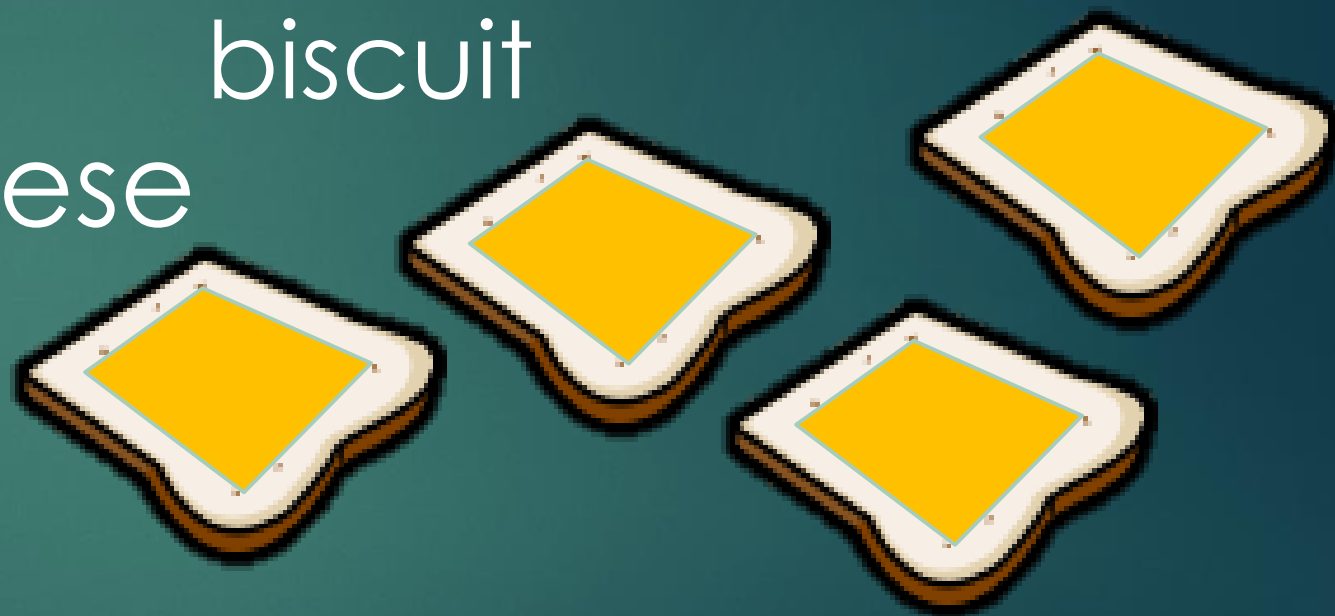


Moving on, your child can help setting the table, have you got enough spoons etc? Do you need



Put one cherry on
each cake or one
smartie on each
biscuit

Put one slice of cheese
on each sandwich

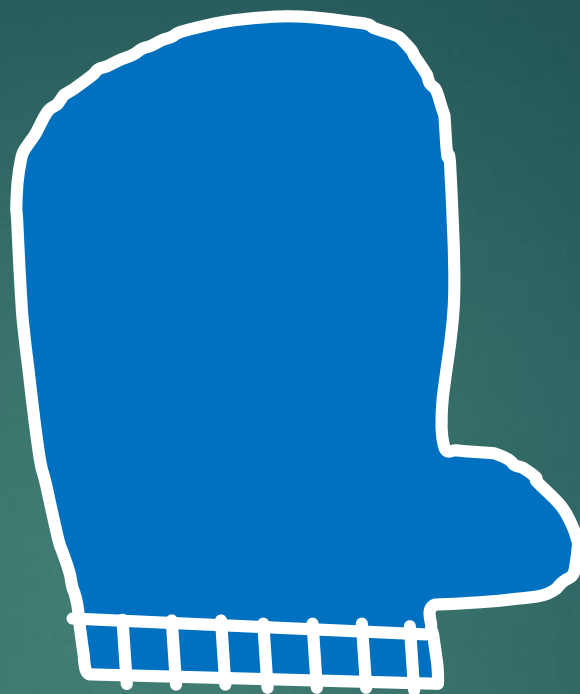


Put one straw into
each cup or carton





One sock
per foot.



One
glove
per
hand



One
hat per
head

Can your child make sounds or
say number names?

As your child begins to vocalise more,
encourage them to make a sound, one for
everything that you are counting with them.

Remember to count actions as well as
objects.

With objects, start with things that you can
move, and move them as you count.

jumps across
the room

bangs on a
saucepan lid

steps up to
the slide

cars drive past
the window



socks thrown in the
washing machine

grapes in a bowl