

COUNTING IDEAS

- ⊙ Practise chanting the number names. Encourage your child to join in with you. When they are confident, try starting from different numbers - 4, 5, 6 . . .
- ⊙ Sing number rhymes together - there are lots of commercial tapes and CD's available.
- ⊙ Give your child the opportunity to count a range of interesting objects (coins, pasta shapes, buttons etc.). Encourage them to touch and move each object as they count.
- ⊙ Count things you cannot touch or see (more difficult!!). Try lights on the ceiling, window panes, jumps, claps or oranges in a bag.
- ⊙ Play games that involve counting (e.g. snakes and ladders, dice games, games that involve collecting objects).
- ⊙ Look for numerals in the environment. You can spot numerals at home, in the street or when out shopping.
- ⊙ Cut out numerals from newspapers, magazines or birthday cards. Then help your child to put the numbers in orders.
- ⊙ Make mistakes when chanting, counting or ordering numbers. Can your child spot what you have done wrong?
- ⊙ Choose a number of the week e.g. 5. Practise counting to 5 and on from 5. Count out groups of 5 objects (5 dolls, 5 bricks, 5 pens). See how many places you can spot the numeral 5.

