



Key Instant Recall Facts

Nursery - Spring 1

Key Vocabulary

Number
Counting
Total/Altogether
1, 2, 3, 4, 5
How many...?
I think there are
....objects.
Am I right?

I aspire to use number names in order when counting objects.

It is expected that children in Nursery will be able to accurately count up to 5 objects, they should be able to say one number name for each object as they count and they will know that the last number they reach is the total.



Key Questions

How many are there?
How many altogether?
Which group has more?
What number is this?

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising little and often. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey?

Challenge 1: Model counting in everyday activities

Count the stairs as you walk up them, count the tins of beans into the shopping trolley, count the apples as you put them in your fruit bowl, count the number of people at the bus stop as you walk past, count the books as you put them back on the bookshelf, count the number of trees as you drive past them, count the toys as you tidy them away. Any opportunity you have, model to your child counting, saying one number name for each item, and encourage them to join in.

Challenge 2: Teddy Numbers



Play a Topmarks game called Teddy Numbers.. See if you can give the teddy the correct number of cupcakes or gifts according to the number you can see. Can you count out the correct amount? Can you recognise the numerals to 5 and then to 10?

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

Challenge 3: Play a game

Have a collection of small toys, Lego bricks, teddies, cars, dinosaurs and a die. Take it in turns to roll the die. Count the number of spots and then count out that number of objects.

Challenge 4: Lay the table

Ask your child to help you get the table ready for dinner. How many of each item will we need? Count the number of people in your family. Count out the forks from the cutlery drawer, count them onto the table. Repeat for other items.

Challenge 5: Sing counting songs

Sing counting songs where you are using the numbers 1-5 in ascending order. Use fingers to show the numbers or objects if possible. You could sing songs such as: One Big Hippo Balancing, One tomato, two tomatoes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught fish alive, Hickory Dickory Dock and 1, 2, buckle my shoe.

Challenge 6: Underwater Counting



Underwater Counting is an interactive counting game involving counting the number of objects to 10. The game takes the form of a treasure hunt where you are challenged to find the treasure by achieving ten correct answers.

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