

Counting in different ways

Easy	Middle	Hard
Count to 20 forwards and backwards from different numbers with your child. Use a number line – start from different numbers and get your child to jump forwards and backwards.	Count to 20 forwards and backwards from different numbers with your child. Give your child a starting number and then you and they take turns saying the next numbers.	Introduce counting in 5s, write the numbers on a board or piece of paper and ask your child to write them too. Count along them forwards and backwards.
Walk down your road with your child, look at house numbers before and after your own or find a road that starts at 1. Count the numbers together then walk back counting backwards.	Walk down your road with your child, look at house numbers do they go up in 2s, if they do count together with your child, see if they know what number comes next? Once you get to 30, count backwards.	Walk down your road with your child, look at house numbers do they go up in 2s, if they do count together with your child, see if they know what number comes next? Once you get to 30, count backwards. Can they start counting from a given number e.g. 18,20,22 etc.
When you are out and about with your child count the number of stairs you go up, count forwards going up and backwards going down.	When you are out and about with your child can you and your child count the number of stairs you go up? Can you count two at a time, counting in 2s?	When you are out and about with your child can you and your child count the number of stairs you go up? Can you count two at a time, counting in 2s? Can they say what number will come next?
At meal times, get your child to count the number of chips/peas/baked beans on their plate?	At meal times, get your child to count the number of chips/peas/baked beans on their plate? Can they count them in 2s?	At meal times, get your child to count the number of chips/peas/baked beans on their plate? Can they count them in 2s? Count our 20 grapes or piece of pasta. Can your child group them in 5s and then count them?
Outside – can your child make their own number track using chalk for counting in 1s to 10 and jump along it saying the numbers aloud as you jump?	Outside – can your child make their own number track using chalk for counting in 1s, to 20 and jump along it saying the numbers aloud as you jump?	Outside – can your child make their own number track using chalk for counting in 2s/5s/10s and jump along it saying the numbers aloud as you jump?