

Counting Objects — One-to-One Correspondence

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Practicing one-to-one correspondence: touching each object once while counting.
The fundamental skill underlying all counting.

What You Need:

- Small counting objects (bears, buttons, shells, blocks — 10-15 each)
- Counting mat
- Small bowls

Steps:

1. Set out 10 small objects in a row.
2. Demonstrate: touch each object as you count. One touch = one number.
3. 'Your turn! Touch each one as you count.'
4. Vary the objects: buttons, shells, blocks, bears.
5. Ask: 'How many are there?' (cardinality — the last number is the total)
6. Extension: 'Give me 6 bears.' Child counts out 6.

Work Space:

