

What to do

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –
Please check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

1. Counting practice

- Each person takes two handfuls of dried beans/Lego™ bricks/counters/beads.
- They place both handfuls carefully in a pile on a table.
- Each person estimates how many there are in the pile.
- Now count carefully, matching each brick to the spoken number.
- How many did you guess? How many were there?
- Have another turn. Were your guesses better?

Extension

- Try three handfuls together.

2. Working together

- Handy sums! Play the finger showing sums game outlined below.
 - You need a small cup or bowl each, counters (or small, dry pasta pieces, Lego™ bricks or beads).
 - Have fun competing, following the instructions on *Handy sums!* below.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Find ten items and line them up.
- Take some in one hand and the rest in the other.
- Put both hands behind your back. Ask your child to choose one.
- Show them how many are in that hand.
- They have to say how many are in the other hand.
- Repeat.

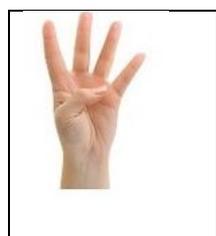
Handy sums

You need a cup or bowl plus counters (or small, dry pasta pieces, Lego bricks or beads).

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You have a cup each. Place the counters in the middle of the table.

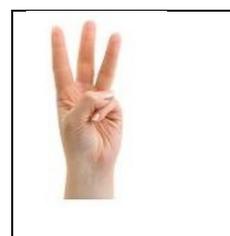
- Both of you put one hand behind your back. Say: ready, steady, go!
- Then, at 'Go!' you both bring that hand out with some fingers standing up and some or none folded down.
- Agree the sum. Write it down. Then work out the total.



So one of you might show 4 fingers

The other person might show 3 fingers

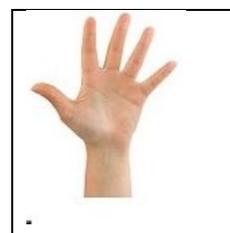
The sum is $4 + 3 = 7$



Or one of you might show 1 finger

The other person might show 5 fingers

The sum is $1 + 5 = 6$



- Repeat this, but this time **start competing**.
- Once the hands are shown, one person has to say the total as quickly as they can.
- The first person to say the total, takes that number of counters and puts them in their cup.
- Repeat six times. Who has the most counters in the end?