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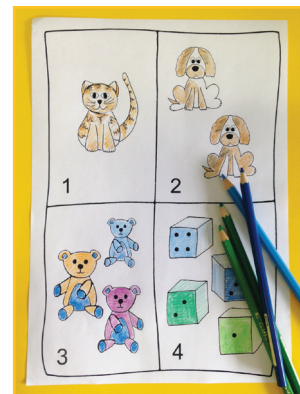
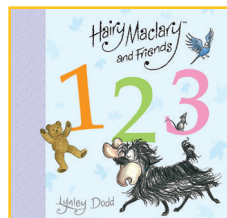
Getting ready to count!

You will need:

- You and your baby.

Instructions:

1. While playing and talking with your baby, whatever their age, use words that introduce numbers and counting
2. For a very young infant (0-8 months) gently touch each of their fingers or toes and count out loud. This is a simple way to play together, and babies will enjoy spending time listening to your voice and bonding with you
3. For babies (8-15 months) who are babbling, help them hold or touch a few items such as toys or familiar objects while you count out loud. Playing and talking together each day will encourage babies to become familiar with lots of words and sounds
4. With older babies (15+ months) and young toddlers count and describe every day actions, such as putting on shoes (one shoe, two shoes), steps to mailbox, bites of food, items in shopping trolley and packing away toys. Don't worry about correcting their counting mistakes, at this stage they should be having fun copying your words.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

Further information

Babies brains are ready to learn simple maths concepts, with many beginning to learn to count as toddlers, long before they learn the alphabet or are able to recognise written words.

By talking with you every day babies and toddlers become familiar with words that describe size, shape, distance, time and measurement. Some words include: big, little, round, square, far, near, here, there, small, large, late, early, over, under, up and down.

Singing songs with lots of repetition and rhyme is fun, and makes it easier for your child to learn and remember some basic numeracy concepts.

Songs

One Two Three Four Five, Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day, One Potato Two Potato and Hickory Dickory Dock.

Key message

Children are born ready to use and learn maths.

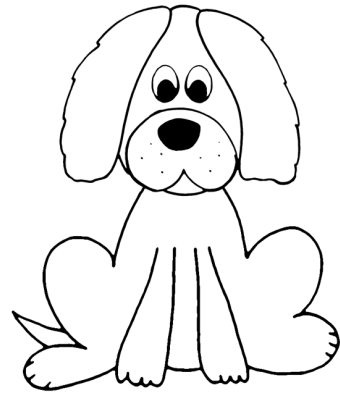
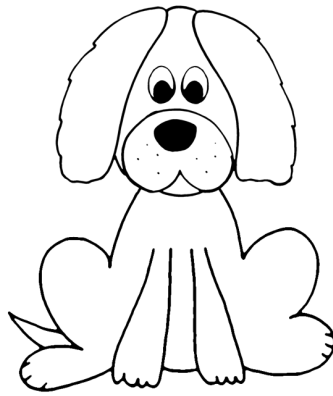
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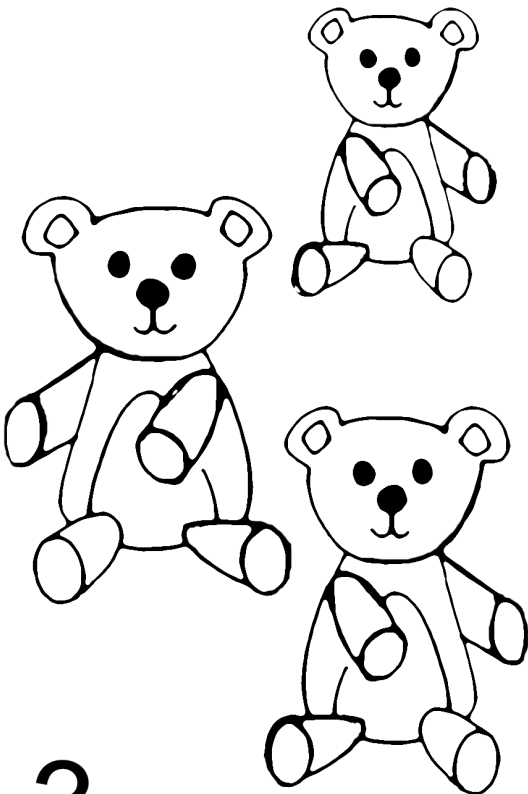




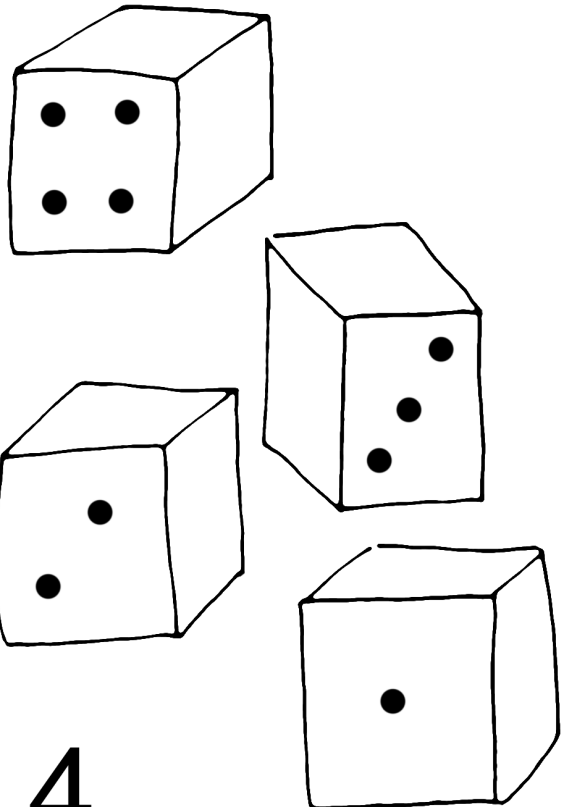
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