

Happy Kids at home!

Counting Rhymes

For this activity you will need:

to learn the rhymes on page 2. You can listen to them at www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio and search for the rhyme.

Counting is important for learning mathematics. There are several stages involved in learning to count and children need to master each of the stages. These include children firstly learning the "sounds" and labels of numbers.

Counting rhymes help children become familiar with the names of numbers. Rhymes can be introduced to babies, but need to be continued even when your child is four.

Step 1

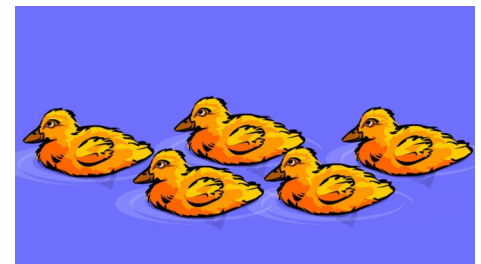
Choose a time when you are both relaxed and say or sing the rhyme

Step 2

You will probably need to say or sing the rhyme a couple of times before your baby starts to respond and recognise it.



5 Currant buns!



5 little ducks!

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. It promotes teaching and learning through play to make sure all children have the skills they need for future life. There are 3 Prime Areas of Learning and 5 Specific Areas. We follow this in Preschool Nursery and you can do activities at home to help your child's learning. This activity will cover many areas of the EYFS but are planned specifically to cover these areas below.

Specific Area

Mathematics

This activity introduces children to the names of numbers and their order.

Prime Area

Communication and Language

Counting rhymes help children's production of speech sounds and also help them learn vocabulary.

Prime Area

Physical Development

Finger rhymes that involve counting can help your child co-ordinate their hand-eye movements.



5 Currant buns!

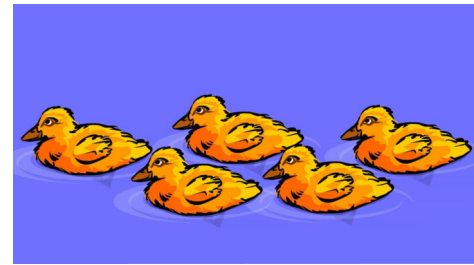
FIVE currant buns in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on top
Along came a boy, with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

FOUR currant buns in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on top
Along came a girl, with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

THREE currant buns in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on top
Along came a boy, with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

TWO currant buns in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on top
Along came a girl, with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

ONE currant bun in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on top
Along came a boy, with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.



5 little ducks!

FIVE little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And only FOUR little ducks came back!

FOUR little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And only THREE little ducks came back!
THREE little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And only TWO little ducks came back!

TWO little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And only ONE little duck came back!

ONE little duck went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And all her FIVE little ducks came back!

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