Maths: Knowing the Last Number Counted Gives the Total So Far

Home Learning Challenges

Set up a toys' picnic using your favourite toys. Ask your grown-up to give some toy food or snacks to each toy. Can you count how many pieces of food each toy has? How do you know?

Ask a grown-up to put between 1-10 raisins or pieces of cereal onto a plate. How many are on your plate? Are you able to count how many there are? Can you tell a grown-up how you know what the total is?

Build a tower of building bricks. Ask a grown-up to build a tower too. Can you



count the number of building bricks in each tower? Can you tell your grown-up how you know the total number of bricks in each tower?

Go for a walk and look for natural materials, such as leaves, sticks and pebbles. Can you collect some natural materials and count how many of each you have collected? Can you explain to a grown-up how you know how many are in each group?

Collect 5 of your favourite toys together.
Spread them out in front of you and then ask a grown-up to help you.
When you close your eyes, can your grown-up hide some of the toys behind their back? Can you count many toys are left?

Can you play a simple game that uses a dice?
Maybe you have a fun one at home? When you roll the dice, can you say how many dots there are? If you don't have a dice game at home maybe you could make one up? You could roll a dice, say the number and then find that many of your toys.

