

Fruit Shop

Play fruit shop. Ask a family member to be your customer. They have to ask for an amount of fruit and you have to count that many out for them. E.g. "Can I have 4 bananas please?". Then you count them 4 bananas. Repeat with different amounts. Can you count carefully?

If you have no fruit, you could try a biscuit shop, shoe shop, sock shop, teddy shop, stick shop etc. You can use almost anything.

Challenge: Can you match the amount to the numeral. (Write numerals 1—20 on paper and cut out as number cards).

**One More and One Less**

Put 6 stones in a line. Check there are 6 by counting. Can you now find one less by taking one away? How many are there now? Now make sure there are 6 again. Can you find one more than 6? What did you have to do? Repeat with different numbers up to 10. Can you do it with up to 20?

If you can't find any stones, you could use sticks, dry pasta, cushions, teddies, fruit cereal pieces etc.

**Counting Steps**

If you have stairs in your house can you count how many there are? Can you then count backwards as you go back down the stairs? Don't worry if you don't have stairs. You can count how many steps it takes to get from one end of your living room to the other. Try with all the rooms in your house. Which room is the longest? If you have a garden you could count how many steps you can take from one end of your garden to the other.

**Measure your Family**

Can you get all your family members to stand in a line. Put them in order from shortest to the tallest.

Now can you get one family member to lie down and measure how long they are using lots of socks. Make sure they are still. Lie the socks in a line next to their body. Start at their feet and stop when you get to the top of their head. Now count how many socks long they are. How many socks long are you? Can you estimate first? Ask a family member to measure you.



Positional Language

Choose one teddy bear in your house and sit with it on the floor. Practise moving the teddy bear into the following positions...

- On top of your head.
- Behind you.
- In front of you.
- Next to you.
- Under you.
- Above you.

Could you do them all? Now test a family member. Ask them to have a go and you tell them where to put the teddy using the words behind, under, next to, in front of.

**Order Sticks**

Can you collect some sticks on a walk with your family. When you get home, can you put the sticks in order from shortest to the longest. If you cant use sticks you could use pencils, straws cut to different lengths, dry spaghetti cut to different lengths, different lengths of string/ wool, different sized spoons etc.

Key questions: Which is the longest? Which is the shortest? Are any the same length?

