







## 5 FUNNY ANIMALS

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# It's time for count and seek...count and spot the funny animals, from racing bears to bouncing frogs and sailing goats!

This rhyming picture book introduces children to early maths and the number bonds to five.

## When do children learn to count and how to help them.

Your child is learning new things every day. And just as you can help them with their language and reading, there are also ways you can boost their number skills.

Have fun with counting and make it a natural part of your day. You could:

- Practise counting everyday things when you are out and about.
- Count things that you can't touch, like the number of claps or jumps.
- Try simple board games.
- Use maths language such as 'more', 'less', 'bigger', smaller'.
- Use your fingers to show 1,2,3 when counting.

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#### Hunt and Count!

Have fun with a counting game that you can play indoors or outdoors. Choose a number from 1 to 5 and write this on a piece of paper along with the same number of circles...for example if you write the number 3 draw three circles on the sheet.

Then ask your child to find that many things... it could be small toys, or if you are playing outside, you could ask them to find leaves or flowers. Ask them to place the items on the



circles as they find them. This will help them to start to count objects reliably and understand the value of numbers.

#### Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed



FIVE little monkeys jumping on the bed one fell off and bumped his head. Mother called the doctor and the doctor said: 'No more jumping on the bed!'

Continue counting down until you get to zero! You could use soft toys and support your child to count how many are still on the bed each time one 'falls' off.

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