

What to do

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –
Please check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

1. Counting practice

- Lay cards with numbers on in a line 1 to 20
- Ask your child to turn around or else blindfold them!
- Remove three numbers. Push the remaining cards together so the gaps don't show!
- Ask the child to count along the line and to tell you when they think there should be a number which has gone missing!
- Provide that number and let the child insert it in the line. Do not show them the other numbers you removed!
- They continue counting and stop when they think another number is missing.
- Repeat this, three times. They can do it for you too.

Extension

- Remove two consecutive numbers. This makes it harder!

2. Play a game together

- Play *Difference Collection* as outlined below
 - You need Lego™, Duplo™ or other small bricks, a 1-6 dice, counters and papers and pens each.
 - Follow the instructions as shown on *Difference Collection*.

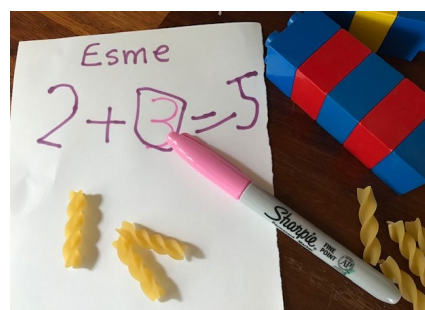
Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Learn how to build the tallest tower of cards...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F6j4e1C4Zk>

Difference Collection

You need:

- Lego™, Duplo™ or other small bricks.
- A 1-6 dice and ten counters each. (These can be dry pasta or shells or even raisins!)
- Pens and paper each.



How to play

- Each of you has 6 bricks and a pen and paper.
- Each of you throws the dice and takes that number of cubes.
- Each build a tower. Count the bricks. Whose tower is taller?
- Lay the towers next to each other and look at the difference.
- The person with the taller tower will score these points!
- They write the matching number sentence with a missing number box.
- Check the sentence and write the missing number to complete it.
- They score the number in the box.
E.g. Mum scored 1. Esme then scored 3.
- Each time, take counters to match the score.
- Play again, throwing the dice and making towers. The person with the taller tower writes the sentence and collects the points and the counters.
- **The first person to collect 10 counters is the winner.**

