

# Counting and understanding number

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## Objective

- Count at up to 20 sounds accurately

## Resources

- Percussive instrument e.g. drum or wood block
- Large tin with marbles or small pebbles
- Whiteboards/number fans

## Activities

- Tell the children you are going to strike the drum or wood block a number of times. The children close their eyes or hide the percussion instrument from the children's view.
- Children count in their heads the number of sounds you make.
- Start with a number less than 10, but increase gradually.
- Begin striking at regular intervals, then change to irregular intervals.
- This activity can also involve dropping marbles or pebbles into a large tin [e.g. a biscuit tin] and asking the children to count the sounds.

## Language and vocabulary

Numbers 0 to 20, listen, count