



Character Counts

Using different voices can help make counting practice fun! Take turns with your child choosing different voices to use for counting. For example, you might count in the voice of a little old lady, or a baby, or the tooth fairy. Or you might choose a character in a story, such as the Little Red Hen or the Big Bad Wolf. You can vary the challenge level and extend your child's counting skills by providing flexible counting challenges, such as:

- **Starting from numbers other than 1 and counting to different target numbers** (e.g., start at 11 and stop at 25, or start at 75 and stop at 102)

- **Counting backward from/to different numbers** (e.g., count back from 10 to 1, or count back from 22 to 15)

- **Skip counting**
 - Counting by 10s (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, ...)
**extra challenge: count by 10s from different numbers (e.g., 2, 12, 22, 32, 42, ...)
 - Counting by 5s (5, 10, 15, 20, 25...)
 - Counting by 2s (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, ...)

Videotape your child counting in different voices and share your videos from your activities in the **"UChicago Ready, Set, STEM!" Facebook group** in the **Topic: Character Counts**.

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