



Count Around

When seated together at meal time (or any other time!), practice counting with a game called Count Around! You need at least 3 people for this game, but if you don't have enough people, use stuffed animals or dolls or other toys!

1. Choose a starting number (e.g., 10) and a target number (e.g., 20).
2. The youngest person says the starting number, then going around the table in order, each person says the next number in the sequence until someone gets to the target number. The person who says the target number is "out" and doesn't count in the next round.
3. Start counting around again with the next person saying the starting number, but this time around the table skip the person who is "out." Count around until you reach the target number again. Again, the person who says the target number is "out," so in the next round two people don't count.
4. Continue until there is only one person who is still counting. Then choose new starting and target numbers and play again!

Add to the fun by using different counting voices (baby voice, scary voice, quiet voice, etc.). Vary the challenge level and extend your child's counting skills by providing challenges, such as:

- **Using higher numbers** (e.g., starting number 85 and target number 101)
- **Counting backward** (e.g., starting number 10 and target number 1)
- **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, ...)

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