

Counting challenge



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The challenge for this week is to find different opportunities to count.

You could:

- Count out the knives and forks needed to lay the table, talk about how many more we need.
- Count how many letters are delivered in one day/a week.
- Count how long it takes the bath to fill.
- Count how many strokes it takes to brush hair.

Can you think of lots of other things to count?

Did you find anything that was near 100?

What did you find that was too large a number to count?

What could you count together?



1

2

3



Family comments:

Child comments:



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Count to and across 100; talk about one more than, one less than.

Baby birds



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In spring, mother blackbirds have to feed their babies who cannot fly yet. One mother had 3 babies – one large, one middle and one small.



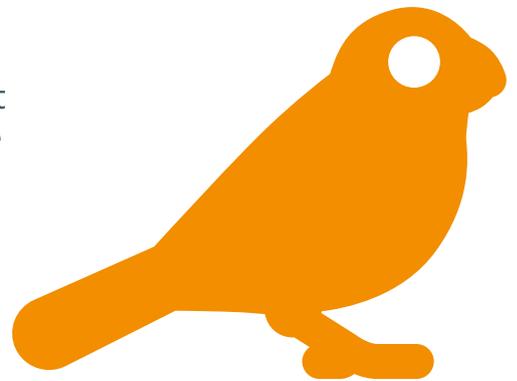
The big one needs 5 worms a day; the middle one needs 3 worms and the small one needs 2 worms a day.

How many worms does the mother need to find?

To make the small one grow faster, she is going to give it some more worms – how many different ways could she split up 10 worms between her babies to make sure the baby always gets more than the middle or the big bird?

Helpful hint: Each bird must always get at least 1.

Draw a different bird with babies in the nest – what do they need to eat? Make up what the mother has to find.



Helpful hint: Draw pictures of the birds and use counters, stones or similar to count out the 'worms'. Practise counting in 2s.

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Child comments:



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Add number bonds to 10; counting in 2s; multiplication problems using concrete apparatus.