**What to do**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*

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

**1. Counting practice**

* + Write numbers 1 to 10 on large scraps of paper. Place them around the floor.
  + Your child chooses a number to stand on.

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| * + They must do actions to match that number.   + E.g. if they stood on 6, they may do six wing flaps!   + If they stood on 8, they might do eight bunny hops.   + Now they choose a different number to stand on.   + Then you have a turn. |  |

* + Keep taking turns and matching actions to numbers. Here are some good actions!

Hand claps

Head-over-heels

Bunny hops

Wing flaps

Legs apart, legs together jumps

Tongue outs

Extension

* They have to do one less action than the number they choose!

**2. Working together**

* Play *Ten pegs on a Hanger* as outlined below
  + You need a coat hanger and ten clothes pegs (see below for suggestions).
  + Arrange ten pegs on the hanger; follow the instructions as shown.

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* Make a clapping pattern – 3 fast claps, 2 slow, then 2 fast. Ask your children to count the number of claps. This is really hard!
* They create a clapping pattern for you to count. It’s not easy!

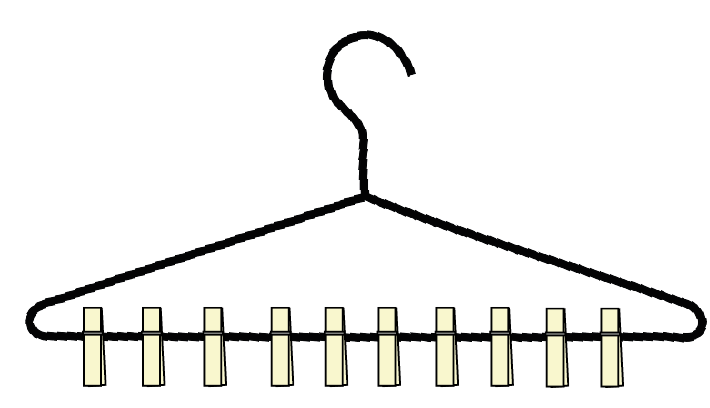
Ten Pegs on a Hanger

You need: number cards, 0 to 10 with two number 5s. Also, a metal coat hanger, ten clothes pegs and a tea-towel. *(If you don’t have pegs, you can create the same effect by hanging paper clips or safety pins or even bracelets or hair ties from the coat hanger!)*

**How to play**

* Lay out the number cards face up.
* Peg ten pegs along the coat-hanger. Count them along it, touching each one as you go. One, two, three, etc.

* Ask your child to turn around. Cover some of the pegs by hanging the tea-towel over it.
* The child must choose the number card to match the number of pegs hidden. They show you.
* Reveal the hidden pegs – were they correct?
* If so, they find the number card to match the pegs which were not hidden.



* Write a matching addition for these pegs, e.g. 6 + 4 = 10
* Now play again, with you hiding a different number of pegs.
* Keep playing like this, perhaps taking turns to hide the pegs.