**What to do**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*

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

**1. Counting practice**

* + You need two pairs of gloves.
  + Count the fingers on the glove hand. There are five fingers.
  + Roll each glove into a ball.
  + We shall throw the gloves onto a chair, counting in 5s as we do this.
  + Five, ten, fifteen, twenty.
  + Now unroll the gloves and count all the fingers. Are there twenty?
  + Repeat several times.

Extension

* Throw one glove back and forth between you, counting in fives each time you throw it. Five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, etc.
* How far can you continue the count?

**2. Working together**

Use a 3 x 3 grid to create a pattern of counters: *Red, yellow, blue.*

* You need nine small counters, bricks, painted shells, beads, or other small coloured objects - three each of three colours. (They do not have to be red, yellow and blue. Any three colours will do!
* Follow the instructions in *Red, Yellow, Blue* below.

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* Play noughts and crosses on a grid.
* Play against a machine! Here … <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=noughts+and+crosses+game&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

Red, Yellow, Blue

You will need: nine small objects, three each of three colours. These can be Lego™ bricks, counters, beads, painted shells, or any other small coloured objects. The colours do not have to be red, yellow and blue. They can be any three different colours!

**What to do**

* You have to place all nine counters on the grid.
* You must follow the rules!

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|  | ***RULES***   * *There must be exactly one yellow counter in every row and every column.* * *There must be exactly one blue counter in every row and every column.* * *There must be exactly one red counter in every row and every column.* |
| **HINT**  **Try to get the middle column in place first.**  **Then get the middle row in place.** | |

* When you think you have done this, find someone else to check!
* Is there another, different way, of doing this?

