**What to do**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*

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

**1. Counting practice**

* Count to 100 with your child!
* You can either do this alone or along with an animation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGetqbqDVaA>

* In either case, ask your child to show fingers to match the units.
  + Hold up 1 finger for each number spoken to 5. Then wave the hand to show five fingers.
  + Hold up 1 finger on the second hand for each number from 6 to 10 and wave both hands to show 10 fingers.
  + Continue these actions through each set of 10, from 11 to 20, from 21 to 30, and so on.

Extension

* Ask your child if they can count back from 90 to 70. This is hard!

**2. Working together**

* Play *More or Less* as outlined below
  + Find some small items that can be placed in a bowl to be estimated. Suitable things include: Lego™ bricks, buttons, beads, small pebbles, conkers, dried beans, raisins, etc.
  + You need about 50-60 of these.

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* Find a short stick or use a fork, holding it by the prongs end.
* Use this like a drum stick and find a safe table to act as the drum.
* Beat a short pattern of drum beats, e.g. Dum, dum, de, de, dum, dum, de, de.
* Ask your partner how many beats you did. You will have to repeat it, and even so it is very hard to count! Now you have a turn at guessing.

More or Less

You need small countable items – e.g. Lego™ bricks, buttons, beads, small pebbles, conkers, dried beans, raisins, etc.

**How to play**

* Take two or three handfuls of items.
* Place these in a largish bowl.



* You and your partner should each separately estimate how many there are. You have to guess in the following categories

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| Fewer than 10 | Between  10 and 20 | Between  20 and 30 | More than  30 |

Each of you must say – you can use the colour to show your estimate.

Mum says grey

Tim says yellow

* Together count the items into sets of 10. How many are there in all?
* The person whose estimate was closest takes a 10p coin!
* Play until one person has 50p.