

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to count from 1 to 20 confidently and understand the concept of numbers as they relate to quantities in their environment.

Materials and Prep

- No special materials are needed for this lesson.
- Be prepared to engage the student with enthusiasm and creativity.
- Have a quiet space where the student can focus on counting activities.

Activities

- **Counting Walk:**

Take a walk around your home or yard and count items you see. For example, count the number of flowers, trees, or toys. This activity helps connect numbers to real-world objects.

- **Number Songs:**

Sing counting songs together, such as "Five Little Ducks" or "Ten in the Bed." Singing makes counting fun and helps with memory!

- **Finger Counting:**

Use your fingers to count to 20. Show how each finger represents a number, and encourage the student to count along with you.

- **Counting Games:**

Play a simple game where you take turns counting. You can start at one, and each person adds one more number. If you reach 20, shout "Hooray!"

- **Number Stories:**

Create a short story that involves counting. For example, "Once there were 3 little kittens..." and count the kittens as you tell the story. This combines imagination with counting!

Talking Points

- "What number comes after 5? Let's count together!"
- "Look at all these flowers! How many do you see? Let's count them!"
- "Can you show me 3 fingers? Great job! That means 3!"
- "Let's play a counting game! I'll say 1, you say 2, and we'll keep going!"
- "In our story, how many kittens do you think we will have? Let's count them together!"