

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to count from 1 to 20 confidently, recognize the numbers visually, and understand the concept of quantity associated with each number. The student will also develop basic addition skills using counting.

## Materials and Prep

- No additional materials are needed for this lesson.
- Ensure the student has a comfortable space to sit and focus.
- Prepare to use your voice and gestures to make counting engaging.

## Activities

- **Counting Objects:**

Ask the student to find 20 small items around the house (like buttons, coins, or toys). Have them count each item as they place it in a line. This hands-on activity helps them connect numbers to physical quantities.

- **Number Songs:**

Sing counting songs together, such as "Five Little Ducks" or "Ten in the Bed." These songs make learning to count fun and memorable, reinforcing the numbers through rhythm and melody.

- **Counting Jumping Jacks:**

Incorporate physical activity by doing jumping jacks together while counting out loud. For every number, the student does one jumping jack, helping them associate movement with counting.

- **Number Hunt:**

Hide pieces of paper with numbers written on them around the room. The student will search for the numbers and say them out loud when they find each one. This activity promotes active learning and number recognition.

## Talking Points

- "Counting is like a special language we use to talk about how many things we have!"
- "Every number has its own unique place in the counting order. Can you guess what comes after 5?"
- "When we count objects, we are matching each number to one item. This is called 'one-to-one correspondence'!"
- "If we have 3 apples and we add 2 more, how many do we have in total? Let's count them together!"
- "Counting helps us in many ways, like when we want to know how many friends we have, or how many cookies we can eat!"