

Count'em

Skill to be learnt To count reliably up to 20 objects (recognising that when rearranged the number of objects stays the same).

What you will need: A box of things to count (household items, cars, buttons etc.)

How to play: Players take it in turns to grab a 'handful of things', count them and record the number. Each player must try and get each number from 10 – 20. The first person to do so is the winner.

Talk points: When counting the objects you could encourage your child to line up the objects to help with counting. Encourage them to point to the object as they say the number, taking time to count each item carefully.

Extension of this game: To develop skills in estimating (having a good guess) talk to your child about how many objects they think they might have taken out of the box before they count them.