

Year 2 Counting: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to counting can help you support your child's learning at home. The subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring counting together, either as part of homework or if you decide to give your child some extra support. Whether your child is only just beginning to explore numbers, or they are gaining confidence with counting and want to find out more, you will find a step that matches where your child is at, then have ideas for where to go next.

Within **this area of the website**, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

 

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Year 2 Counting

What Will My Child Learn about Counting in Year 2?

The main focus of maths teaching at school in key stage 1 is to ensure your child is confident with whole numbers, counting and place value.

In year 2, your child will continue to build on their learning with number and counting from year 1 and will be expected to count objects to 100 and beyond. They will also be taught to count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0 and in tens from any number, both forwards and backwards.

As well as using the resources in this category and the keyword searches to find activities to help with counting, below are a few further ideas you could try at home to help your child make progress in this area of maths.

Dot to dots

Dot to Dot puzzles are a fantastic way to encourage your child to count up in multiples. Use one of these free **Pets Colouring Sheets** to trace an outline of one of the animals on to paper, then place dots around the outline numbered in 2s, 3s, 5s or 10s. Ask your child to connect the dots, chanting the numbers as they do so.

Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s

Use this free **hundred number square** to encourage your child to count in multiples. Ask them to colour in all the multiples of 2 in one colour, all the multiples of 3 in another colour, all the multiples of 5 in one colour and all the multiples of 10 in a different colour. What do they notice? Are there any numbers that are multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10? What patterns have they made?

Counting in 3s

Download this free **Counting in 3s Number Line** as a fun and visual way of practising counting in 3s. Start at 0 and chant forwards and backwards together. Can your child tell you what multiples of 3 might come after 60?

Times Tables Games

From bingo to board games and dominoes, don't miss out on our **free times tables resource pack** bursting with times tables activities you can do with your child at home, including games focusing on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Step 1

Counting to 100

In year 2, children continue to consolidate their learning from year 1 and are expected to be able to count objects up to 100 and across the 100 barrier. Try this number square jigsaw to help your child practise their counting abilities, then have a go at filling in the missing numbers on our 'counting to and across 100' worksheet.



Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

In maths lessons, your child will continue to practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number (make sure your starting number is a multiple of 2 when counting in 2s or a multiple of 5 when you're counting in 5s). Your child can try completing these missing number paths to practise their counting skills.

Step 2

Step 3

Counting in 3s

At this stage, your child will be encouraged to count forwards and backwards in 3s from any given multiple of 3. This interactive PowerPoint can help your child with counting forwards and backwards in 3s.



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