

Mathematics 4-5 years

Did you know?

Your child is learning when they are watching you using maths and maths language in everyday ways.



How can you help?

- Collect everyday items, like milk bottle tops, which your child can sort into colours or sizes and count.
- Let your child help to pay for things in shops when you're paying with coins.
- Talk about time, such as "How long does it take to get to the park?".
- Let your child help you at home when you're using numbers, such as measuring ingredients for cooking or measuring for DIY.
- Go on a shape hunt and point out all the shapes you see, such as square windows or round wheels.
- Together, look at numbers on cars, houses, buses or road signs.
- Count how many things you see, such as lampposts.
- Play games that involve moving counters backwards and forwards while counting, such as snakes and ladders.
- Play card games where you have to match things, like snap.
- Play games such as skittles, where you keep score and count how many are knocked down.
- Use estimates in everyday activities, such as asking "How many cakes will we need if Granny and Grandad come to tea?".
- Hide objects and use clues to help your child to find them, such as "It's on top of the table, next to the remote control".



What I like

- Using real objects and solving real problems.
- Helping you with everyday jobs.
- Having time to investigate problems and try out new ideas.

What I can do

- Talk about shapes.
- Count things like claps, steps or jumps.
- Use my fingers to show a number.
- See and point out numbers around me.

Children develop at their own rates and in their own ways. The above is typical ranges of development. If you have any concerns about your child's development, speak to your GP or health visitor for advice.