

Fun in Frames

Counting Using Windows

Beginner: Count the windows of a building in English, then Cree.

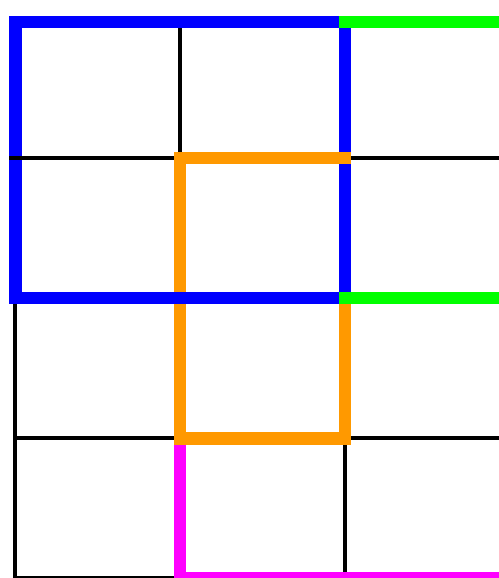
[Tip]: Say “I count one, two. . . eight windows. I see pêyak, nîso. . . ayênânêw windows.”

Intermediate: Count the window panes of a building in English, then Cree.

[Tip]: Say “That window has one, two. . . six panes. That window has pêyak, nîso. . . nikotwâsik panes.”

Experienced: Find a window with panes and count in English, then Cree. Ask how many smaller “windows” they can outline inside that window.

[Tip]: If the window looks like this:



Each colour represents the outline of a smaller “window.” Find and count as many others as you can!

[Brief] Why? Counting in a different language strengthens the children's understanding of the numbers and builds on numeracy skills.

[Detailed] Why? Counting in an engaging positive environment, while incorporating abstract thinking helps build skills needed for addition, subtraction, and more complicated numeracy concepts.

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