



## Counting at the Powwow

How Many Do You See?

**Beginner:** Count all the dancers in the arbor.

**[Tip]:** Say, “there are 5 dancers in the arbor”.

**Intermediate:** Count how many dancers are wearing different colours.

**[Tip]:** Say, “there are 5 dancers wearing red and 3 dancers wearing yellow”.

**Experienced:** Count the different types of dancers, such as Fancy Dancers, Jingle Dress Dancers, and Traditional Dancers.

**[Tip]:** There are 2 Fancy Dancers, 1 Jingle Dress Dancer, and 4 Traditional Dancers.

**[Brief] Why?** Counting at a powwow makes math visually interesting, and allows children to practice counting while appreciating Indigenous cultures.

**[Detailed] Why?** Incorporating math into fun, everyday activities solidifies counting skills. This is needed for understanding more difficult math concepts in future years.

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**Caregiver Handbook:** Cree Numbers, Ojibwe Numbers, Powwow Ceremonies