

Number Hunt

Play Hide and Seek with Numbers!



Beginner: Hide numbers 1 through 5 to find. Name and count them in English or other languages.

[Tip]: Use playing cards as numbers.

Intermediate: Hide numbers 0-20 to find. Name and count them in English or other languages.

[Tip]: Order numbers from smallest to largest.

Experienced: Look for numbers around your home or community.

[Tip]: Name house numbers, license plates, numbers in stores. Ask what number comes next?

Why is this important? Counting in another language helps children improve focus, memory, and their ability to multitask. These are skills needed for understanding math concepts.

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Ojibwe Numbers are included below. Use the Ojibwe on-line dictionary for pronunciations: https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu/

- 1. bezhik (pay-shick)
- 2. niizh (neesh)
- 3. nswi (nish-way)
- 4. niiwin (nee-win)
- 5. naanan (nan-on)
- 6. ngodwaaswi (nee-goot-a -sway)
- 7. niizhwaaswi (neesh-a-sway)
- 8. nshwaaswi (nish-a-sway)
- 9. zhaangswi (sang-a-sway)
- 10. mdaaswi (mit-a sway)

- 11. mdaaswi shaa bezhik (mit-a-sawy sha pay-shick)
- 12. mdaaswi shaa niizh (mit-a-sway sha neesh)
- 13. mdaaswi shaa nswi (mit-a-sway sha nish-way)
- 14. mdaaswi shaa niiwin (mit-a-sway sha nee-win)
- 15. mdaaswi shaa naanan (mit-a-sway sha nan-on)
- 16. mdaaswi shaa ngodwaaswi (mit-a-sway sha nee-goot-a-sway)
- 17. mdaaswi shaa niizhwaaswi (mit-a-sway sha neesh-a-sway)
- 18. mdaaswi shaa nshwaaswi (mit-a-sway nish-a-sway)
- 19.mdaaswi shaa zhaangswi (mit-a-sway sha sang-a-sway)
- 20. niishtaana (neesh-ton-na)