



## Counting in Many Languages

Practice Counting Everywhere!

**Beginner:** Count in Cree or another language that you know.

**[Tip]:** Use Cree number words: peyak (one), niso (two), nisto (three), newo (four), niyanan (five).

**Intermediate:** Show a small group of objects and ask, “How many are there?”

**[Tip]:** Try using Cree number words - peyak (one), niso (two), nisto (three), newo (four), niyanan (five), nikotosik (six), tepakohk (seven), enanyow (eight), kekatch mitataht (nine), mitataht (ten).

**Experienced:** Learn number words beyond “ten” in Cree or other languages to answer, “How many?”

**[Tip]:** Look for patterns in the Cree number words for numerals 10 to 20 and use the words while counting:

mitataht (10)

mitataht peyakosap (11)

mitataht nisosap (12)

mitataht nistosap (13)

mitataht newo sap (14)

mitataht niyanosap (15)

mitataht nikotosap (16)

mitataht tepakohksap (17)

mitataht eynanowosap (18)

kekac nistanow (19)

nistanow (20)

**Why is this important?** Counting in any language is a first step to learning mathematics.

**Looking for more information?** Check out our [Cree Number Guide](#), along with our [100 Chart](#) resource to use alongside this activity!

**References:** Marian, V., & Shook, A. (2012). The cognitive benefits of being bilingual. *Cerebrum: the Dana forum on brain science*, 2012, 13.