



Setting the Table

Who's Hungry?

Beginner: Set the table with your child.

[Tip]: Count the number of plates, cutlery, cups etc. out loud. Say "One cup, two cups, three cups." Continue by asking "how many are there?"

Intermediate: Have your child set the table, telling them step by step how many of each item they will need.

[Tip]: "We need 3 cups". Have the child count the cups, and places them on the table. Then, move on to the next item. Continue by asking "how many are there?"

Experienced: Set the table with some spots missing items. Count how many items are missing and finish setting the table.

[Tip]: Set 2 of 4 plates, 1 of 4 forks, and 3 of 4 cups.

Why is this important? Learning numeracy in home environments is a beneficial way for children to learn basic mathematical skills.

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