

1 2 3 by Eric Carle

AGE LEVEL 3–5 years

About the Story

Eric Carle's 123 is a counting book. We meet different animals on each page as we count all the way from one to 10. Each page also includes dots that match the number of animals.



Words to Learn

COUNTING WORDS

one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

NUMERALS

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

ANIMALS

giraffe, elephant, bear, hippopotamus, pig, dog, squirrel, turtle, chick, caterpillar.

About the Math

While counting the number of animals, your child can learn:

- Each animal is counted only once and matched with only one dot.
- The last number counted indicates the total number of animals.
- How to say the counting words in order: one, two, three, four, etc.
- How to read the written numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.
- The written numbers tell us the total number of animals.



Math Talk During Reading

EXPLORE COUNTING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS

How many animals are there?

EXPLORE MATCHING THE NUMBER OF DOTS AND ANIMALS

Are there the same number of dots as animals? How do you know?

TALK ABOUT THE ORDER OF THE ANIMALS

Which animal is first in line? How about third?

MAKE PREDICTIONS

If there are five animals on this page, how many animals will we see on the next page? How do you know?

EXPLORE COUNTING BACKWARDS FROM 10 TO ONE

Let's try it backwards! What comes before 10?

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments too!

Activity After Reading

TALK ABOUT COUNTING EVERYDAY OBJECTS

Let's count how many steps we take as we walk!