



Counting Fingerplays & Songs

Songs and fingerplays are a great way to support children's fine motor skills, including those that involve counting up/down from 1–5 or 10. Act out the motions and show the number of fingers as you sing (e.g., 4 fingers when saying 4). Count down with your fingers until you get to 0 monkeys, bees, or frogs.

For example:

5 little seashells, lying on the shore. Swish went the waves. Then there were... 4.

Here is a beehive. Where are the bees? (*hold up fist*)
Hidden away where nobody sees.

Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive,
One, two, three, four, five!
Buzzzzzzzz... All fly away!

5 little speckled frogs,
Sat on a speckled log,
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice a cool,
Now there are 4 green speckled frogs.