



Counting Fingerplays & Songs

Play songs and sing fingerplays that include counting up/down from 1 – 5 or 10. 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!
Bzzzzzzzz... 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 speckled frogs.*

Act out the motions and show the number of fingers as you sing (e.g., 4 fingers when saying 4). Count down until you get to 0 seashells, bees, or frogs. Be sure to point out that 0 means none.