



Number 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.

*5 little ducks went out to play,
Over the hill and far away,
When the mama duck said, “quack, quack, quack,”
4 little ducks came swimming back.*

*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.*

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 shells, ducks, or frogs. Be sure to point out 0 as meaning nothing.