**What to do**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*

*Please check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

**1. Counting practice**

* Each person takes a handful of dried beans/Lego™ bricks/counters/beads.
* They hold their fist tightly closed!
* Each person estimates how many they have.
* Now count each other’s, matching each brick to the spoken number.
* How many did you guess? How many were there?
* Have another turn. Were your guesses better?

Extension

* Estimate and then count how many in the two handfuls together.

**2. Working together**

* How many spoons fill a cone?
* You need some small cups, sand or rice or small, dry pasta pieces; also a piece of A4 paper, not too thin, and sticky tape.
* Complete the activity *How many spoons fill a cone?* below.

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* How many mugs of water would fill a bowl or bucket?
* Stand outside or somewhere where water spillage doesn’t matter. Try filling a large bowl or small bucket with water using a mug. Guess how many, then fill and count as you go. How close was your guess?

How many spoons fill a cone?

You need uncooked rice or dry pasta pieces, or sand…

Also a piece of good quality paper, approximately A4 size and some sticky tape.

**What to do**

* Curl the paper to create a cone shape.
* Stick it in place using Sellotape.
* Make sure that the bottom is closed so that nothing can fall through.
* Don’t worry about the top being wide.

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* Now, take a spoonful of dried pasta or rice or sand. Tip it into your cone.
* Take a second spoonful and do the same again.
* Keep going like this until the cone is as full as it can be.
* How many spoonfuls did your cone hold? Record the number.

*My cone held 7 spoons of pasta.*

* If possible, repeat with another type of filling, e.g. rice

*(It should hold the same number of spoons!)*

*My cone held 7 spoons of rice.*