**What to do**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –*

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

**1. Counting practice**

* Lay cards with numbers on in a line 1 to 20
  + Ask your child to turn around or else blindfold them!
  + Remove three numbers. Push the remaining cards together so the gaps don’t show!
  + Ask the child to count along the line and to tell you when they think there should be a number which has gone missing!
  + Provide that number and let the child insert it in the line. Do not show them the other numbers you removed!
  + They continue counting and stop when they think another number is missing.
  + Repeat this, three times. They can do it for you too.

Extension

* Remove two consecutive numbers. This makes it harder!

**2. Play a game together**

* Play *Difference Collection* as outlined below
  + You need Lego™, Duplo™ or other small bricks, a 1-6 dice, counters and papers and pens each.
  + Follow the instructions as shown on *Difference Collection*.

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* Learn how to build the tallest tower of cards…

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F6j4e1C4Zk>

Difference Collection

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| You need:   * + Lego™, Duplo™ or other small bricks.   + A 1-6 dice and ten counters each. (These can be dry pasta or shells or even raisins!)   + Pens and paper each. |  |

**How to play**

* Each of you has 6 bricks and a pen and paper.
* Each of you throws the dice and takes that number of cubes.

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| * Each build a tower. Count the bricks.   Whose tower is taller?   * Lay the towers next to each other and look at the difference. * The person with the taller tower will score these points! |  | |
| * They write the matching number sentence with a missing number box. * Check the sentence and write the missing number to complete it. * They score the number in the box.   *E.g. Mum scored 1. Esme then scored 3.* | |  |

* Each time, take counters to match the score.
* Play again, throwing the dice and making towers. The person with the taller tower writes the sentence and collects the points and the counters.
* **The first person to collect 10 counters is the winner.**