

One Is a Piñata: A Book of Numbers

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AGE LEVEL 4–6 YEARS

About the Story

This beautifully illustrated counting book shows the numbers from 1 to 10 in three different ways—for example, the written number (8), the written English word (eight), and the written Spanish word (*ocho*). The illustrations for each number include distinctive objects that can be found in Central America, like the *piñata* at a party or the *maracas* (rattles) used to make music. Enjoy learning *contar*!



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Words to Learn

ENGLISH/SPANISH COUNTING WORDS

One/*uno*, two/*dos*, three/*tres*, four/*cuatro*, five/*cinco*, six/*seis*, seven/*siete*, eight/*ocho*, nine/*nueve*, ten/*diez*

OTHER SPANISH WORDS

from *aguas frescas* (cold fresh drinks) to *zapatos* (shoes)

About the Math

The math in this book is mostly about counting. Your child can learn:

- To say the counting numbers from 1 to 10 in both English and Spanish.
- That each number can be shown in three different ways—as a numeral (6) and as a written number word in both English (six) and Spanish (*seis*).
- That specific numbers come before and after a particular number (7 is before 8 and after 6).
- To count objects on each page that correspond to the numbers (one cake, five kites).



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Math Talk During Reading

COUNT THE NUMBER OF OBJECTS

“How many fruits are on the stick?”

DISCUSS THE ORDER OF NUMBERS

“There are six drinks in this picture. What will the next number be? What number is before six?”

READ THE NUMERALS AND NUMBER WORDS

Point and say: “What do you call this? Let’s read the word in English and Spanish. What does it mean?”

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!

Activity After Reading

MAKE A COUNTING BOOK

With your child, choose objects from home, such as blocks, or pictures from books, such as trees. On separate pages, draw various objects for each number: one block, two trees, three cats, and so on. Help your child write the numerals and English and Spanish number words. Assemble the pages into your child’s counting book!

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Animal Shapes by Christopher Silas Neal

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Marta! Big and Small by Jen Arena

A Mousy Mess by Laura Driscoll

One Happy Tiger by Catherine Rayner

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Over in a River: Flowing Out to the Sea
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by Victoria Allenby

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by Deborah Heiligman

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by Songju Ma Daemicke

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 by Helaine Becker

Counting the Stars: The Story of Katherine Johnson, NASA Mathematician
by Lesa Cline-Ransom

Count on Me by Miguel Tanco

The Girl With a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague by Julia Finley Mosca

How Many Jelly Beans? A Giant Book of Giant Numbers! by Andrea Menotti

Is 2 a Lot?: An Adventure with Numbers
by Annie Watson and Rebecca Evans

Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives by Lola M. Schaefer

Shapes, Reshape! by Silvia Borando

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We Are One: How the World Adds Up
by Susan Hood

When Sophie Thinks She Can't
by Molly Bang

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HALL OF FAME TITLES:

Anno's Counting Book, Mitsumasa Anno

Hippos Go Berserk! by Sandra Boynton

One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale
by Demi

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

