

Counting Songs and Rhymes

1. Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one day,
Over the pond and far away.
Mummy duck said,
Quack, quack, quack, quack.
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went swimming one day,
Over.....

Until

But no little ducks came swimming back,
So Mummy duck said,
QUACK, QUACK, QUACK, QUACK.
And five little ducks came swimming back.

2. Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree
Along came a crocodile as quiet as can be
Hey Mr Crocodile you can't catch me ...
SNAP!

3. Five Currant Buns

Five currant buns in a bakers shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on the top.
Along came (choose a child),
With a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away

Four currant buns...

4. Five Little Fireman

Five little firemen standing in a row,
1 2 3 4 5 lets go.
Jump on the engine with a SHOUT,
As quick as a wink the fire is out.

Four little firemen standing in a row,
1 2 3 4 shhh lets go.
Jump on the engine with a Shout
As quick as a wink the fire is out.

Three little firemen standing in a row,
1 2 3 shhh shhh lets go.
Jump on the engine with a Shout
As quick as a wink the fire is out.

Two little firemen standing in a row,
1 2 shhh shhh shhh lets go.
Jump on the engine with a Shout
As quick as a wink the fire is out.

One little firemen standing in a row,
1 shhh shhh shhh shhh lets go.
Jump on the engine with a Shout
As quick as a wink the fire is out.

Choose five children to be the firemen.
Shout the SHOUT and fingers to lips to whisper shhh

5. Ten Fat Sausages

Ten fat sausages, sizzling in the pan,
Ten fat sausages, sizzling in the pan,
And if one went POP!
and the other went Bang!
There'll be eight fat sausages,
sizzling in the pan,
Eight fat sausages, sizzling in the pan.

And if one went POP!
and the other went BANG!

Continue counting down until all the sausages have gone.
Sung to the tune of Ten Green bottles

6. Ten green Bottles

Ten green bottles, hanging on the wall,
Ten green bottles, hanging on the wall.
And if one green bottle,
Should accidently fall.
There'll be, nine green bottles, hanging on the wall.

Nine green bottles, hanging on the wall.
And if one green bottle,
Should accidently fall.
There'll be, eight green bottles, hanging on the wall.

Eight green bottles, hanging on the wall.
And if one.....

There'll be one green bottle, hanging on the wall,
One green bottle, hanging on the wall.
And if that green bottle,
Should accidently fall,
There'll be no green bottles, hanging on the wall.

7. Ten in the Bed

There were ten in the bed,
And the little one said, 'Roll over, roll over'.
So they all rolled over,
And one fell out,

There were nine in the bed,
And the little one said, 'Roll over, roll over'.
So they all rolled over,
And one fell out.

There were eight in the bed etc...

There was one in the bed,
And the little one said, 'Roll over, roll over'.
So he rolled over,
And he fell out,
There were none in the bed,
So no one said,
Roll over, Roll over.



8. The Pirate Song

When I was one,
I banged my drum.
The day I went to sea.
I jumped aboard a pirate ship,
And the captain said to me.
We're going, this way, that way,
Forwards and backwards,
Over the Irish Sea.
A bottle of rum, to warm my tum,
And that's the life for me.



When I was two,
I buckled my shoe.....

When I was three,
I banged my knee....

When I was four,
I knocked on the door....

When I was five,
I learned to dive.....

9. This Old Man

This old man, he played one,
He played knick knack with his thumb,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played two,
He played knick knack with my shoe,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played three,
He played knick knack on my knee,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played four,
He played knick knack at my door,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played five,
He played knick knack, jazz and jive,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played six,
He played knick knack with his sticks,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played seven,
He played knick knack with his pen,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played eight,
He played knick knack on my gate,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played nine,
He played knick knack, rise and shine,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played ten,
He played knick knack in my den,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played eleven,
He played knick knack up in heaven,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played twelve,
He played knick knack, dig and delve,
With a Knick, knack, paddy whack,
Give the dog a bone;
This old man came rolling home.

10. One, Two, Three, Four, Five...

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,



Then I let it go again.
Why did I let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.

11. Pea Soup

One little pea,
Jumped into the pot,
And waited for the soup to get hot.
(Tuck thumb into fist)

Two little peas jumped into the pot,
And waited for the soup to get hot.
(Tuck pointer finger into fist)

Three little peas jumped into the pot,
And waited for the soup to get hot.
(Tuck middle finger into fist)

Four little peas jumped into the pot,
And waited for the soup to get hot.
(Tuck little finger into fist)

Finally the soup got so very hot,
All the little peas jumped out of the pot!
(Open hand and wiggle all your fingers)

12. Five Little Peas

Five little peas in a pea pod pressed
One grew, two grew, and so did all the rest
They grew and they grew and they did not stop
Until one day the pod went ... POP!

13. Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree
Along came a crocodile as quiet as can be
Hey Mr Crocodile you can't catch me ...
SNAP!

14. Ten little Fingers

I have ten little fingers and ten little toes,
Two little arms and one little nose,
One little mouth and two little ears,
Two little eyes for smiles and tears,
One little head and two little feet,
One little chin makes me all complete!

15. Double One is two...

Double 1 is 2. (Put up 1 index finger then the other)
Tap them on your shoe. (tap shoes)

Double 2 is 4.
Stamp it on the floor (stamp feet)

Double 3 is 6.
Do some finger clicks (click fingers)

Double 4 is 8.
Put your arms up straight

Double 5 is 10.
Let's begin again (roll hands around each other) Double 5 is 10.
Hide them in the den (hands behind back)

16. Ten Fingers

I have ten fingers *hold up both hands, fingers spread*
And they all belong to me, *point to self*
I can make them do things-
Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight *make fists*
I can open them wide *open hands*
I can put them together *place palms together*
I can make them all hide *put hands behind back*

I can make them jump high *hands over head*
I can make them jump low *touch floor*
I can fold them up quietly *fold hands in lap*
And hold them just so.