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how to play

There are lots of things you can do with these giant double-sided cards to help your child learn about numbers in an enjoyable way. Use your imagination to adjust the games and activities to suit your child's level, and always keep a sense of fun and create a feeling of success in your child. Use the "well done" and "I am clever" cards to praise your child's efforts.

Encourage your child to trace over the number on each flash card.

Remember to finish on a positive note, so your child feels confident and successful.

simple sums

Use the add and take away cards to make up simple sums eg 4 + 3 = 7. If they get it right you can put the tick card at the end. Start with numbers from 1 to 9 and then go onto numbers from 10 to 20.

Take a smaller number away from a larger number.

What is left? Pick two flash cards at random. Use counters to add the numbers together.

counting activities

Count the objects on each card. Put your finger over one of the pictures on the card. Ask them how many they can see. Do this for more than one picture.

Count items around the house with younger children. How many chairs can they see around the table? How many cups on the table?

Collect together some buttons or counters. Pick a card at random and using either the numbers or the dots, get your child to count out the correct number of buttons or counters.

domino cards

Older children can use the back of the cards to play dominoes.

What do the dots on each card add up to? Sort them into piles, e.g. cards with eight dots, cards with five dots, cards with eleven dots, etc.

Look at the spots. See if your child can recognise and match the number with the correct number of spots on each of the cards.

There are lots of other ways to help your child learn about numbers. Point out numbers around the home and outside eg on the television, on the microwave and on the video recorder.

Encourage your child to enjoy using numbers by playing simple games, for instance sorting and counting toys or clothes.



giant number flash cards

Learning tips...

Counting

Help your child count the number of spots or objects on each card. Use the cards to make up simple adding and subtraction sums.

Ordering

Ordering
Make a number line
for on your wall. Talk
about numbers you
see around the home
and outside. Put the
cards in order. Vary
the pattern e.g.
1,2,3,/2,4,6/3,6,9

Great for:

- Helping with counting and sorting
 Improving basic numeracy
- Developing social skills and helping communication
- Helping your child link words and symbols



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