

Counting Mat

Purpose:

The purpose of this activity is to help the child learn to count on or back from any number to 25.

Link to the Number Framework:

Number Sequence, Stage 3

What you need:

- Number mat – You can print this off or make your own.
- Counter, button or stone

What to do:

Place the mat on the floor.

- Throw a counter, button or stone onto the mat.
- The child counts on from the number the stone has landed on. e.g. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 ..
- The child counts back from the number e.g. 23, 22, 21, 20 ...
- The child can give the number that comes after that number e.g 11, 12
- The child can give the number that comes before that number e.g 25, 24

What to expect your child to do:

- To be able to count forwards from any number to 25 without hesitation.
- To be able to count backwards from any number to 25 without hesitation.
- To instantly say the number before and the number after a given number to 25.

Variations:

- Use 2 counters or buttons. The child starts counting at the smallest number and stops at the largest. Alternatively the child counts backwards from the biggest number and stops at the smallest number.
- The numbers can be written on the back of a plastic tablecloth, piece of plastic or a scrap of vinyl.

Number Mat: Random Numbers 8-25

8	12	21	11
13	17	16	19
14	25	9	18
24	15	12	22
20	10	13	25