

## Pipe Cleaner Numbers

### Purpose:

The purpose of this activity is to help your child learn to read numbers to 20.

### Link to Number Framework:

Number Identification, Stages 0-3

### What you need:

- A packet of pipe cleaners
- Cards or pieces of paper with the numbers from 1 to 20 written on them
- Buttons, stones, pegs, small toys or other small objects to count with

### What to do:

Start with the numbers to 10.

- Show your child a number, for example, 2.
- Ask: *What is this number?* Tell your child the number if they are not sure. Help your child to count out 2 small objects to put beside the card.
- Get your child to make the number with a pipe cleaner.
- Repeat over a few days until all digits to 9 are made. Keep each number as you make it.
- Once you have all the numbers from 1 – 9 ask your child to put the pipe cleaner numbers in order. Read them together “1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.”
- Ask your child to count out buttons, toys or other small objects to match each number. Put the corresponding number card beside the pipe cleaner number and the collection of objects.

To extend the idea: help your child to make another set of pipe cleaners numbers and use these to practise reading two digit numbers such as 34, 42, and 58.

### What to expect your child to do:

Read and write numbers to 10, then to 20 then to 100.

### Related Māori vocab:

order, sequence	raupapa
porotiti	counter
count	tatau (-ria)