



A Flower for Every Friend

Count and redistribute flowers until every toy has the same number.

Helps Your Child Grow



Counting and Cardinality

Counting and adjusting groups of flowers gives your child practice comparing which group has more or less and working toward equal quantities.

Steps

- On a spring walk, collect a few fallen flowers and bring them home for your child's favorite toy figures.
- Invite your child to divide the flowers among the toys. They may give more to a favorite or distribute them without counting.
- Speak playfully for the toy with the fewest: "Bunny keeps looking at Dog's flowers. Do they have the same number?"
- Count each group together: "Dog has four. Bunny has two." Ask who has more and who has fewer.
- Then ask, "How could Bunny get the same number as Dog?" Watch whether your child moves a flower between groups or adds a new one.
- Continue comparing the toys and adjust again if some groups still have different amounts.

Tips

- Try dealing one flower to each toy in turn. This makes an equal share easier to see.
- Give the toy's voice plenty of feeling so the comparison stays playful.

Observations

- Adds flowers to the toy that has fewer
- Changes the groups with your prompt so the toys receive equal amounts