



# Count the Frogs

Sing, draw, and count to discover how many eyes, mouths, and legs the frogs have.

## Helps Your Child Grow



### Counting and Cardinality

Counting the frog's legs lets your child check the answer and learn that the last number said tells how many there are altogether.



### Fine Motor

Drawing frogs, pointing to each leg, and writing numbers all involve hand-eye coordination and finger control.

## Steps

- Introduce this simple counting chant: 'One little frog - one mouth, two eyes, four legs. Two little frogs - two mouths, four eyes, eight legs.' Repeat it together until the rhythm feels familiar.
- When you reach 'Two little frogs ... eight legs,' pause and wonder aloud, 'Why do two frogs have eight legs? Could it be six?'
- Whatever your child answers, suggest checking with paper and a marker. Invite them to draw two frogs, point to each leg, and count the legs one by one.
- When your child reaches eight, say, 'Yes - we counted eight legs altogether.' Connect the last number they said with the total number of legs.
- Try the same method with a different number of frogs. Draw them first, then count the mouths, eyes, or legs to check the chant.

## Tips

- As your child counts, they can write the numbers 1 - 8 beside the frog legs. This helps connect each counted item with a written numeral.
- Use the same draw-and-count method whenever the number of mouths, eyes, or legs is unclear.

## Observations

- Says 'eight legs altogether' after counting, showing that eight is the total
- Draws a recognizable frog shape with a marker