



Feed the Little Frog

Count the snacks on each lily pad to feed the little frog.

Helps Your Child Grow



Counting and Cardinality

Playing a little frog and recognizing how many pretend bugs are present at a glance gives your child practice identifying small quantities without counting one by one.



Attending and Understanding

Answering how many bugs are on a lily pad gives your child practice understanding a quantity question and responding clearly.

Steps

- Draw or cut out several paper lily pads and use small crackers as pretend bugs. Place two to five bugs on each pad, spaced apart so the groups are easy to see.
- Invite your child and another caregiver to be hungry frogs. Explain, “You may eat the bugs only after saying how many you see.”
- Point briefly to one lily pad and ask, “How many bugs are on this lily pad?”
- Let both frogs answer, then count the bugs together to check.
- The frog who answered correctly may eat the bugs on that lily pad. Then begin another round.
- After the game becomes familiar, let your child count the bugs and decide whose answer was correct.

Tips

- Sometimes your child may recognize a small quantity at a glance without counting each item.
- After each quick answer, count the snacks one by one together and connect the total with the matching numeral.
- When Dad and your child choose the same answer and confirm it by counting, both can share the pretend bugs.

Observations

- Identifies how many bugs are on the lily pad without counting
- Answers how many bugs are on the lily pad after hearing the game rule