

## Numeracy games/ideas

- Count forwards starting at different numbers (try using different voices).
- Count backwards starting at different numbers (try using different voices).
- What is 1 less than \_\_\_\_? What is 10 less?
- What is 1 more than \_\_\_\_? What is 10 more?
- Look for numbers when driving or walking. Say the numbers you see.
- Find the 'teen' (10, 11, 12...19) numbers.
- Find the 'ty' (10, 20, 30...90) numbers.
- Find 1 digit numbers/2 digit numbers on a hundred board.
- Play 'Guess my number' – children ask questions (Is it more than \_\_\_\_, less than \_\_\_\_ etc.). You can only answer yes or no.
- Make a statement (like 16 is one more than 13). Children to show thumbs up if they agree or thumbs down if they disagree.
- Cover up a number on a number line. Children have to work out the missing number. Try covering 2 or 3 numbers.
- Cut numbers up and muddle them up. Children to order them correctly.
- Clap hands. Children to count how many claps. Extend to saying each clap is 2 (count in 2's) or 10 (count in 10's).
- Tell me a number more than 11 but less than 15 etc.
- Play board games.

- Play games using dice. Roll them and add or subtract numbers.
- Play games using a pack of cards. Pick up 2 and then add or subtract.
- Find ways to make 5 (4 and 1, 2 and 3, 5 and 0 etc.) or 7 or 10 etc. Remember to subtract numbers too!
- Play salute – a game for 3 people. Two players pick up a card without looking and hold it on their foreheads. Third person to say the total. Each player looks at partners card on forehead and tries to work out what their number is.
- Use number cards and a fly swot to snap numbers on the floor. You can use this game for doubles, halves, + and -, number that comes before/after etc.
- Visit [www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz)
- 123 Fists – On 3, each player opens their fists to show a number using their fingers. Each player to say the number of fingers that their partner is showing. Adapt this game to say the number after or before etc.

### **Some other fun Numeracy websites...**

[www.rainforestmaths.com](http://www.rainforestmaths.com) and [www.mathletics.co.nz](http://www.mathletics.co.nz)  
(cost involved)

[www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime)

[www.kidsnumber.com](http://www.kidsnumber.com) (Year 2+)

[www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com)