

Three Currant Buns

If you are unfamiliar with this song, you could search for it online - it is usually called "Five Currant Buns".

Sing the song 'Three Currant Buns' together. You might have some props that could be used as the buns to make it more fun (you could cut some out of paper or make some with salt dough). Enjoy the song together - one of you could be the baker and one of you could be the customer. Use your finger to point to the buns and count together one, two, three. Praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding more words to extend their vocabulary.



Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to use your child's name during your conversations; it really helps when you say it at the beginning of a phrase e.g. 'Tomasz....I can see the ...' - this can help your child to concentrate and keeps them involved in the activity

Use your child's name in the song to keep their interest; you can add in other familiar names too (do you have pets at home that you could name and include?).

Words to share

Three, two, one,
how many are left?

Making it work for your family

After each verse take a bun away and talk about how many buns are left. As your child becomes more confident, help them to count the buns on their own. Pointing to the buns whilst you count helps them to understand that each object has a number. After a while you may notice that your child doesn't need to point to the objects as much.



Next time you could try ...

adding a fourth and then a fifth bun as your child's confidence develops. It's great to sing songs anytime and anywhere, it helps your child to learn more words and have fun together - children love playing with the adults around them.

Look all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.