

'Ten Little Dinosaurs'

by Mike Brownlow and Simon Rickerty

If you don't have this book at home, you could visit a library together to borrow a copy or you could search online.

By reading this lovely children's book you can have great fun and learn more about maths together.

This story is all about counting backwards from ten - on each page count together how many dinosaurs you can see.



Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to wait and pause, give ten seconds for thinking time, listen to your child and then respond.

When you talk about the book together, pause between some of the comments or questions to give your child time to think, time to understand and time to just enjoy each other's company.

Words to share

Ten, nine, eight, seven,
six, five, four, three,
two, one

Making it work for your family

Point to each dinosaur as you count them together - you may need to say the numbers first to help your child - remember to keep it fun. It doesn't matter if your child forgets the order of numbers, they just need practise.

Next time you could try ...

singing other number rhymes or making up your own - you could gather items together to help you sing the song - e.g. cars, teddies, conkers - counting down each time you take one away.

Try counting backwards down the stairs as you go downstairs - this movement helps children when learning to count backwards.

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.