

Counting On

Practice Pack

Hands-on printables for building the counting-on strategy

What's inside:

- Cover and Count — start from a hidden quantity and count on
- Number Line Hops — hop forward to find the total
- Start With the Bigger Number — the most efficient version of the strategy
- Mixed Practice — short word problems

How to use this pack:

1. Model it first — think aloud as you count on before students try it alone.
2. Keep add-on amounts small (1–3) until the strategy feels natural.
3. Watch for recounting from 1 — gently redirect back to the start number.
4. Say it out loud — narrating the strategy matters as much as doing it.

Companion to the “Counting On” article on [educatedly.com](https://www.educatedly.com) — grade band K–1.

Cover and Count

How many in all? The hidden group + the ones you can see.

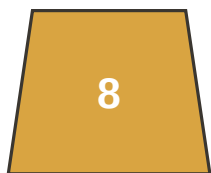
The cup shows how many are hiding. Start there and count on the ones you can see.



Total: _____



Total: _____



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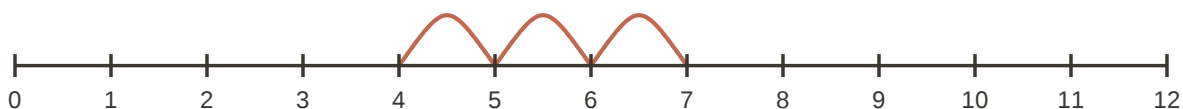


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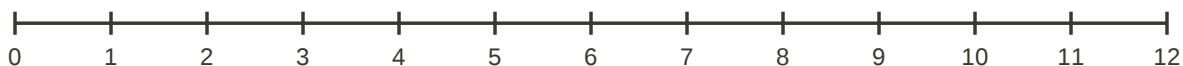
Number Line Hops

Start at the first number and hop forward to count on.

Example: Start at 4, count on 3.



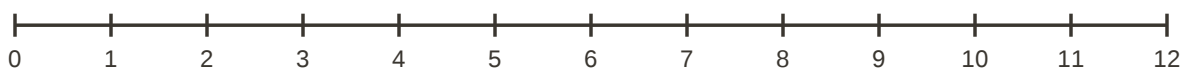
Start at 2, count on 4. Answer: _____



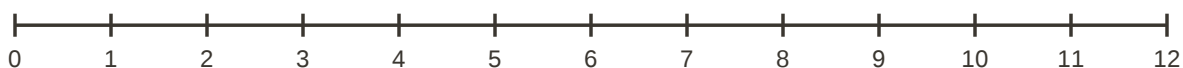
Start at 6, count on 3. Answer: _____



Start at 1, count on 5. Answer: _____



Start at 7, count on 2. Answer: _____



Start With the Bigger Number

Circle the bigger number, then start counting there.

$$3 + 8$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

$$2 + 9$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

$$6 + 4$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

$$1 + 7$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

$$5 + 9$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

$$3 + 6$$

(circle the bigger number above)

Start at ____, count on ____ = ____

Mixed Practice

Use counting on to solve each problem.

- 1 Maya has 6 crayons. Her friend gives her 3 more. How many crayons does Maya have now?

Answer: _____

- 2 There are 8 birds on a fence. 2 more birds land on it. How many birds are on the fence now?

Answer: _____

- 3 Sam read 5 pages of a book. He reads 4 more pages. How many pages has Sam read in all?

Answer: _____

- 4 A jar has 7 marbles. Someone adds 3 more marbles. How many marbles are in the jar now?

Answer: _____