

# Grab a Handful: At Home

Counting Practice

From the Developing Number Concepts Series by Kathy Richardson

## Goals:

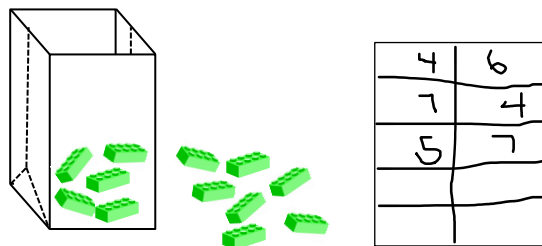
- Counts up to 10 or 12 objects to find out “How many?”
- Counts each object once and only once
- Uses the correct counting sequence while counting objects
- Is becoming consistently accurate
- Is developing confidence

## Materials:

- Objects to count: such as walnuts in the shell, Legos, macaroni, pompoms
- Paper Bag
- Paper to record

## Procedures:

1. The child puts counters into a paper bag.  
(If the child is a beginning counter, larger objects will keep the numbers smaller. Smaller objects can be used for children who need to count larger sets.)
2. The child grabs a handful of counters from the paper bag.
3. Each time a handful is taken, the child writes the number on their paper.
4. Repeat.



## What to watch for:

- Does the child use the correct counting sequence?
- Does the child touch one and only one object while counting?
- Does the child have a way of keeping track of which cubes were counted and which were not?
- Does the child remember how many were counted?

## Extensions:

Put 20 or more objects in the bag. Smaller objects make it easier to grab larger quantities.