

# Hunt for It: At Home

Counting Practice

From the Developing Number Concepts Series by Kathy Richardson

## Goals:

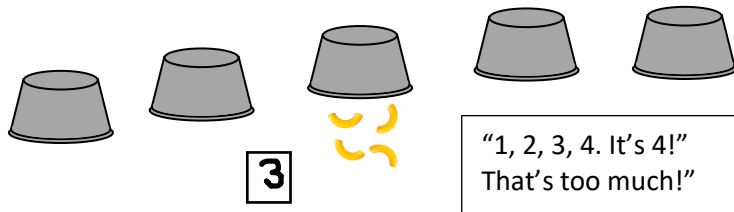
- Finds a set of objects to match a selected numeral
- Counts up to 10 or 12 objects to find out “How many?”
- Counts each object in a set once and only once
- Uses the correct counting sequence while counting objects
- Tells whether a set of objects is more, less or the same as the selected number

## Materials:

- Objects to count: such as, Legos, pennies, macaroni, buttons, etc.
- Bowls or tubs (5 or 6)
- Numeral cards that match the hidden sets
- Paper bag to hold the numeral cards

## Procedures:

1. Hide various sets of counters under five bowls
2. The child selects a numeral card to see which number of counters to hunt for.
3. The child hunts for the number of counters that match the number on the card (If the children cannot read the number, say it for them.)
4. The child lifts one tub at a time and counts to see whether they have uncovered the number named.
5. After looking under each tub the child tells if they found the right one or not. If not, he/she tells whether the set has more or less than the number on the die or spinner.



## What to watch for:

- Does the child use the correct counting sequence?
- Does the child count each object once and only once?
- Does the child have a way of keeping track of which objects were counted and which were not?
- Does the child check and recheck?
- Does the child remember how many were counted?
- Does the child instantly know a small group?

## Extensions:

Use small objects like pinto beans to practice counting numbers up to 20