

# Count and Dump: 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

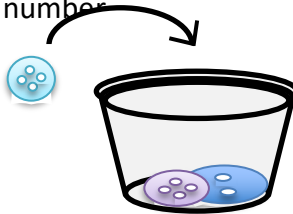
## Materials:

- Objects to count: such as walnuts in the shell, Legos, macaroni, pompoms
- Bowl or cup

## Procedures:

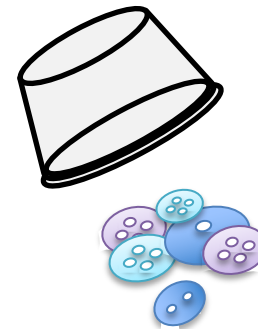
1. Tell the child how many objects to put in the bowl.
2. The child puts one cube at a time into a bowl as they count to the designated number.
3. Say to the child, “Dump.”
4. The child then dumps the bowl of objects and counts how many.
5. Repeat with a different number.

“Count 6 buttons.”



“One. Two.....”

“Dump.”



“One, two, three, four, five, six.”

## 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 objects were counted and which were not?
- Does the child remember how many were counted?

## Suggestion(s):

Ask the child to write the numeral that matches the quantity counted.