



# Counting and Sorting

## Ages 2 years to 3 years

**Objective:** The child learns how to count from 1-10 and matches pictures based on similarities.

### Materials needed:

Counting and sorting pumpkins sheet (printable)

Scissors (you will use only for cutting out pictures)

### Procedures:

1. Before hand, cut the pumpkins out individually. We recommend ONLY doing 10 pictures at this age. Focus on counting #'s 1-10.
2. Sit on the floor with your child.
3. Show them the pictures of the pumpkins. Talk about them, what they are and their colors, sizes, or shapes. Ask child to say the word of it after you. (I.e. "Can you say pumpkin?")
4. Now begin counting them. Count from 1-10, while pointing to each as you do so.
5. Encourage your child to count with you and point along.



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6. Now take ALL of the pumpkin pictures. Mix them all up in a big pile on the floor.

7. Encouraging your child to do with you, begin

sorting the same pictures together in like-groups. By the end of this, there should be 3 piles of the same pictures on the floor. Teach child how and why the pictures look the same. (I.e. "These pumpkins are all round. These are all pies. These pumpkins have a leaf on them.")

8. Continue until child no longer shows any interest.

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child begins to learn how to count from 1-10.

The child can make a connection to real-world food item. (pumpkin) and recognizes it. The child understands what similarities look like and can help sort pictures into matching categories.

### **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?