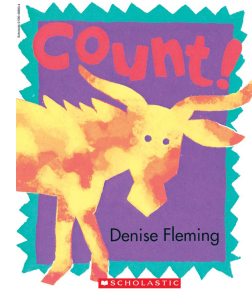


***Count!***  
**by Denise Fleming**



The antics of lively and colorful animals present the numbers one to ten, twenty, thirty, forty, and fifty.

- As you are reading this book, ask your child how many animals are on the page. For the smaller numbers, they might know how many there are without having to count. That is OK! For the larger numbers, where counting is necessary, make sure they're counting each animal once and only once.
- Count with me! Find other opportunity for your child to count! If you're setting the table for dinner, can they count out how many plates, forks, or cups are needed? If they're walking from one room to another, can they count how many steps it takes? Can they count to 10 while you hide?
- Play "Cover Ten". Draw a rectangle-shaped board with ten squares (shown below) for each player. To play you have to make a dot cube with dots only from 1 to 3. (The dice will have two 1s, two 2s and two 3s). Then the players alternate rolling the dot cube and putting the amount of chips that was rolled on the squares of the board. You can only put one chip in each square. If you do not have chips use beans, pennies, etc. The game ends when the first player fills his board with the ten chips, but if someone rolls a 3 and only needs 2 to fill the board, that player passes and loses his turn until the next time.

