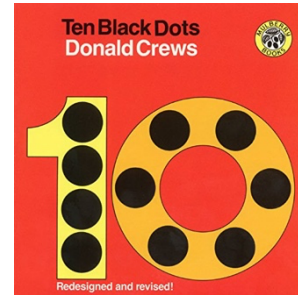


Ten Black Dots
by Donald Crews



In this book, large black dots (1 through 10 of them) become the eyes of a fox, spots on a snake, wheels on a train, and more.

For example, five dots appear in a straight vertical row as buttons on a coat and then as the portholes of a boat, two at deck level and three below. This book helps children to begin to understand that changing the arrangement of objects doesn't change the amount.

- While reading the book, ask, “How many dots do you see? How do you see them?” Seeing the same numbers of dots in different arrangements helps children learn to recognize the patterns that particular numbers of objects form.
- As your child looks at the different pictures, show on your fingers how many dots there are on each page of the book. That is, if you see 3 black dots on the snowman, lift 3 fingers. On the pages of 5, show 5 fingers etc.
- Sing “5 Little Monkeys” or other familiar finger plays that help children recognize numbers 1 through 5 or 10.