Count out a number of things

Someone asks you for 6 blocks. How do you get just that many from a big pile?

WORDS TO KNOW

Count out: take just the number you were asked for.

Counting mat: two rows of ten boxes.

KEY IDEAS

1. Stop at the number

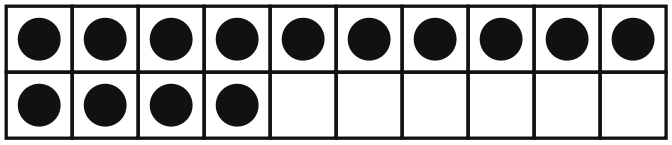
Keep the number in your head. Move one thing away for each word you say. Stop when you say the number, even if more are left.

> One move, one word. Stop at the number.

2. Bigger numbers fit on a counting mat

Put one thing in each box. Fill the top row first. A full top row is ten.

> Count as each thing lands. Stop at the number.



WATCH OUT

- **Going past the number.** More things are left. That is fine. Stop anyway.
- **Forgetting the number.** Keep the number card next to you. Look back at it.

WORKED EXAMPLES

Example 1. There are 11 blocks. Put 6 blocks in a bag.

1. Move one block into the bag for each word: one, two, three, four, five, six.
2. You said six. Stop, even though blocks are left.

Answer: 6 blocks in the bag. 5 blocks are left.

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