Number words and numerals

How do you match a number you say, a number you see, and a group you count?

WORDS TO KNOW

Numeral: the written mark for a number, like 5.

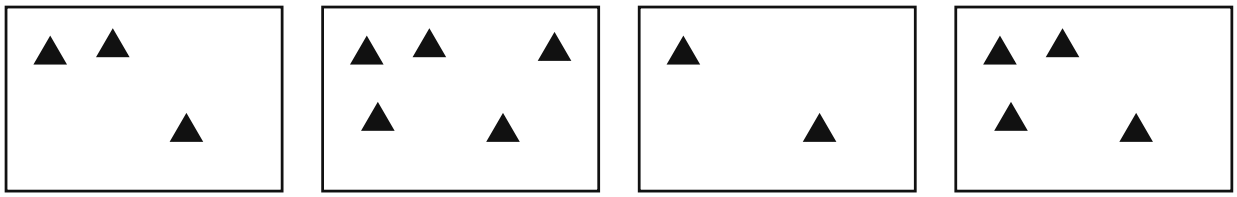
Zero: the number for none. We write it 0.

KEY IDEAS

1. Three ways to show one number

You can count a group. You can say its word. You can point to its numeral. All three mean the same number.

> Three things, the word "three," and the numeral 3 all mean three.



A B C D

2. Zero means none

An empty box has no shells. How many? Zero. Zero is a real answer.

> None is zero. We write 0.

WATCH OUT

- **Mixing up 6 and 9.** Turn a 6 upside down and it looks like a 9. A line under the numeral shows the bottom.
- **Saying "no number" for an empty box.** The number is zero.

WORKED EXAMPLES

> **Example 1. Look at picture A. How many? Say the word. Point to the numeral.**
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> 1. Touch each one and count: one, two, three.
> 2. The last word is "three." Find the card with 3.
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> **Answer:** 3, "three." Point to the numeral 3.

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