Writing the numerals 0 to 10

How do you write a number so someone else can read it?

WORDS TO KNOW

Numeral: the written mark for a number, like 7.

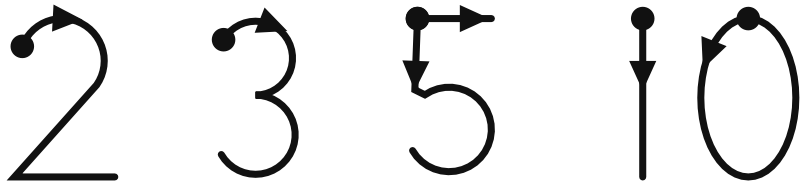
Number strip: the numerals 0 to 10 written in a row, to copy from.

KEY IDEAS

1. Start at the top

Every numeral starts at the top. The dot shows where your pencil goes first. Make each one the same way every time.

> Start at the top. Face the same way as the number strip.



2. Ten is two numerals

Ten needs two numerals. Write 1, then 0 right next to it.

> 10 is a 1 and then a 0.

WATCH OUT

- **A numeral facing the wrong way.** Hold it next to the number strip. Do they face the same way?
- **Mixing up 6 and 9.** A 6 has its loop at the bottom. A 9 has its loop at the top.

WORKED EXAMPLES

Example 1. A plate has 8 pieces of pasta. Write how many.

1. Touch each piece once and count. The last word is "eight."
2. Start at the top. Curve left, cross in the middle, go around the bottom, and come back up to the top.

Answer: 8.

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