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Counting back

Count back from any number. Each number is 1 less.

1 Learn



When we **count back**, each number is **1 less**. It's just like a rocket countdown: 3, 2, 1, blast off!

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Each number is **1 less** than the one before. At **0**: blast off!



Count back 4 from 42.

42	41	40	39	38

Start on **42**. Say: 41, 40, 39, 38.
We stop on **38**.

Flip's tip: counting back past a ten, the ones jump to **9**: 40, 39 · 70, 69 · 100, 99.

Warm up: finish the countdowns.

10	9		7		5		3	2		0
20	19		17	16		14		12		10

Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Counting back is harder than counting on. Point to each number as you say it, and go slowly when crossing a ten (31, 30, 29).

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Rocket launch

You need: some space to crouch and jump. Nothing else!

1. Crouch down low like a rocket on the ground.
2. The grown-up says a **start number**, such as 20. Count back together slowly to the **stop number**, such as 10.
3. At the stop number, **blast off**: jump up high!
4. Write the start and stop numbers. Try a countdown that crosses a ten, such as 34 to 27.

Go	We started on	We stopped on
1		
2		
3		

Grown-ups: start with 10 to 0 and 20 to 10, then try bigger numbers such as 64 to 56. If your child starts counting up, say "Back, like a rocket: getting smaller."

3 Practise

A. Count back. Write the missing numbers.

20	19		17			14	13
53	52	51		49		47	
100	99		97		95		93

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B. What is **1 less**?

10 → ☐	30 → ☐	61 → ☐
80 → ☐	45 → ☐	100 → ☐

C. Which rocket is counting **back**? Draw a ring round it.

11, 12, 13, 14	**14, 13, 12, 11**	**14, 12, 13, 11**

D. Count back 3 from each number. Write the number you stop on.

15 → ☐ **62** → ☐ **81** → ☐

E. Count back from 70 to 60. Write all the numbers.

70 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ **60**

Challenge

Mia counts back from 32: **32, 33, 34**. Is she right? What should she say?

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ count back from any number
- ☐ say 1 less than a number
- ☐ count back past a ten, like 40, 39