Counting in 5s: answers and notes

What your child practised: counting in 5s using starfish arms and fingers, filling in 5s patterns to 100, and spotting the numbers we say when counting in 5s (Year 1).

Page 1 · Warm up

5, 10, **15**, 20, **25**, 30, **35**, 40

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. 2 hands = **10** fingers, 4 hands = **20**, 6 hands = **30**.

Page 2 · A. Starfish arms

2 starfish = **10** · 5 starfish = **25** · 7 starfish = **35**

Page 3 · B. Missing numbers

35, 40, **45**, 50, **55**, 60
70, 75, **80**, **85**, 90, **95**, 100

Page 3 · C. Ring the 5s

Ring **15, 20, 35, 50, 55**. (12, 23 and 41 don't end in 5 or 0.)

Page 3 · D. Jumps of 5

Jumps land on 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50: **10** jumps.

Challenge: No. Leo is counting in ones. Each starfish has 5 arms, so he should say **5, 10, 15, 20**.

Watch out for

- **Counting in ones instead of 5s** (5, 6, 7). Say one number for each starfish or hand, not for each arm or finger.
- **Losing the pattern** after 50. The pattern repeats: 55, 60, 65… just like 5, 10, 15 with a different tens number.
- **Counting a group twice.** Touch or tick each starfish as you count it.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **High fives:** count in 5s while you take turns giving high fives.
- **Clock fives:** point at the numbers on a clock face and count in 5s round it: 5, 10, 15 … 60.
- **In the game:** Chapter 5, Count in 10s, counts towers of 10.