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Tally marks

Draw a line for each thing you count, and make gates of five.

1 Learn



When you count things as they happen, draw **one line** for each. The **fifth** line goes across the other four to make a **gate**. Then you can count in fives!



Birds in the garden

Bird	Tally	Total
Robin	𝍸 ||	7
Pigeon	𝍸 𝍸 ||	12
Blue tit	||||	4

How many pigeons?

1. Count the gates in fives: **5, 10**.

2. Count on the single lines: **11, 12**.

3. Write the total: **12** pigeons.

Flip's tip: a gate is **5**, not 1. Never draw a sixth line next to four: go across instead.

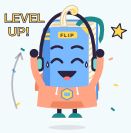
Warm up: how many does each tally show?

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Grown-ups: ask your child to touch each gate and say "five, ten…", then touch each single line and count on. Counting every line one by one works too, but is slower.

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



Colour count

You need: a pencil and a box or bag of small things in a few colours (toy bricks, crayons, pegs or socks).

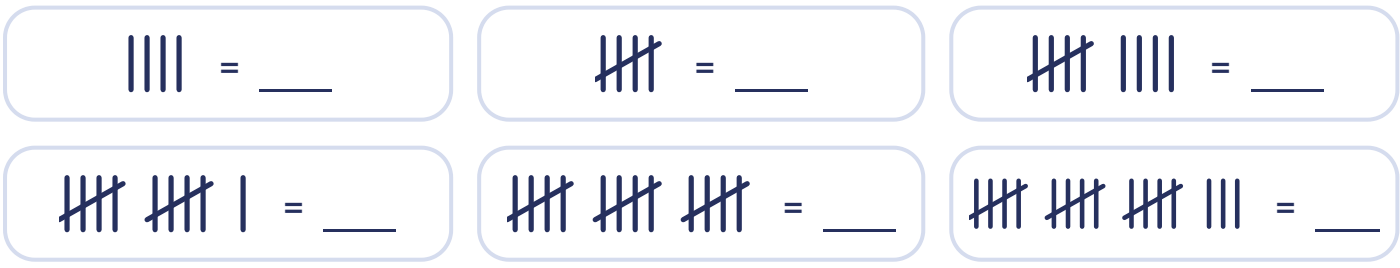
1. Write up to 5 colours in the table. Guess which colour you'll find most of.
2. Take the things out **one at a time**. For each one, draw a tally line next to its colour.
3. Remember: the fifth line crosses the other four to make a gate.
4. Count each tally in fives, then ones, and write the totals. Was your guess right?

Colour	Tally	Total

Grown-ups: ask "Why is tallying easier than writing 1, 2, 3 as you go?" (You can add one line at a time and still count quickly at the end.) Check the totals add up to how many things there were.

3 Practise

A. Write how many each tally shows.

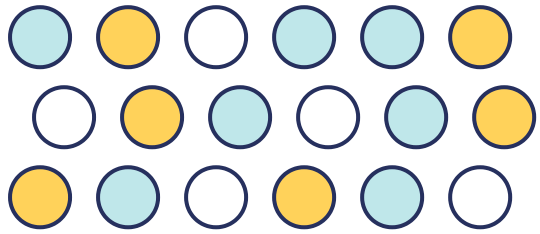


B. Draw a tally for each number.

6 **10** **14**

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C. These are the balls in Leo's tombola. Tick each ball as you tally it. Then write the totals.



Colour	Tally	Total
Teal		
Yellow		
White		

How many balls are there altogether? _____ Which colour has the most? _____

D. Ava asked 15 friends which ride they liked best. Tally their answers, then write the totals.

swings, big wheel, swings, teacups, big wheel, big wheel, swings, teacups, big wheel, swings, big wheel, teacups, big wheel, swings, big wheel

	Swings	Big wheel	Teacups
Tally			
Total			

Challenge

Mia tallied 6 cars like this: |||||| Sam says it's wrong. Who is right? Draw 6 the right way.

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ draw tally marks with a gate for every five
- ☐ count a tally in fives, then ones
- ☐ make a tally chart and write the totals