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big fat hen by Keith Baker



Big fat hen is a great book to introduce **Counting** and **Nursery Rhymes**.

Nursery rhymes usually tell a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end which makes them ideal for learning “narrative skills.” “Narrative skills is the ability to describe things and to talk about events and tell stories. This teaches children that events happen in sequence, and they begin to learn how to understand stories and follow along.

Nursery Rhymes are also a great way for your child to learn **Phonological Awareness**. *Phonological Awareness* is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words, like rhyming and playing with syllables or parts of words. When children hear nursery rhymes, they hear the sounds vowels and consonants make. They learn how to put these sounds together to make words. They also practice pitch, volume, and voice inflection, as well as the rhythm of language.

Nursery rhymes are full of unique words children do not often hear in everyday conversations making them great ways for your child to learn new **Vocabulary**. Think of the word “wonder” in the rhyme *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and “nimble” in *Jack be Nimble*. Nursery rhymes are short and easy to repeat, so they become some of a child’s first sentences.

Nursery rhymes are easy for children to memorize because they are made up of patterns. This use of patterns helps your child learn a simple math skill. A lot of nursery rhymes include numbers and counting which are also math skills.

Come to the library for more books about Zoo Animals!

1,2,3 to the Zoo by Eric Carle

The Zoo by M.E. Gagg

My Heart is like a Zoo by Michael Hall

Zoo-ology by Joelle Jolivet

Stop Snoring, Bernard! by Zachariah O’Hora

Z is for Zoo by Jo Rigg

Curious George Visits the Zoo & Curious George Feeds the Animals by Margret Rey

If I Ran the Zoo by Dr. Seuss

Zoo! by Lori Froeb

What do you do at the Zoo? by Susan Goodman

The Zoo by Blake Hoena

Put me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire

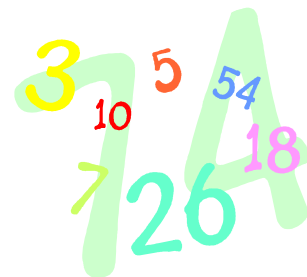
Goodnight, Gorilla by Peggy Rathman

Animal Strike at the Zoo! by Karma Wilson

Counting

Research has shown that children who enter kindergarten and can count with a good understanding of the connection between number words and their actual numerical value do better in mathematics. Studies have shown that children who could count to 20 in preschool had the highest math scores in 1st grade.

When you read a book with your child, count the number of chickens or butterflies on the page. Point to each one as you count it. At home, count how many apple slices or



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M&Ms your child has for a snack. Count steps as you go up or down them.



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Here are some other Nursery Rhymes.

Do You Know The Muffin Man

Do you know the Muffin Man,
The Muffin Man,
The Muffin Man?
Do you know the Muffin Man
Who lives in Drury Lane?
Yes, I know the Muffin Man,
The Muffin Man,
The Muffin Man.
Yes, I know the Muffin Man
Who lives in Drury Lane.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.

Jack be Nimble

Jack, be nimble,
Jack, be quick,
Jack, jump over
The candlestick.

Jack jumped high
Jack jumped low
Jack jumped over
and burned his toe.



Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full.
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

All Around the Mulberry Bush

All around the mulberry bush
The monkey chased the weasel.
The monkey thought 'twas all in fun.
Pop! goes the weasel.

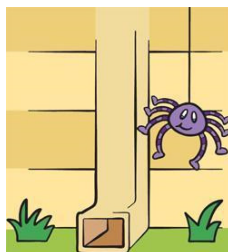
A penny for a spool of thread,
A penny for a needle.
That's the way the money goes.
Pop! goes the weasel.

Up and down the City Road,
In and out of the Eagle,
That's the way the money goes.
Pop! goes the weasel.

Half a pound of tuppenny rice,
Half a pound of treacle,
Mix it up and make it nice,
Pop! goes the weasel.

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



Eencey Weencey Spider (Itsy, Bitsy Spider)

Eencey Weencey spider
Climbed up the water spout;
Down came the rain
And washed poor Eencey out;
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain;
And the Eencey Weencey spider
Climbed up the spout again.



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