



Skip Counting in 2s and 5s

Purpose:

You can help your child practice skip counting in 2s and 5s.

What you need:

- Ruler or tape measure
- Counters (or masking tape, or sticky notes, or blobs of plasticine)

What to do:

Cover over the 2s with counters (or masking tape, or sticky notes, or blobs of plasticine) up to 20. Ask your child to skip count in 2s (2, 4, 6, 8, etc) by looking at the ruler or tape measure and saying out loud the number hidden under the cover.

Remove the covers, and replace over the 5s.

What to expect your child to do:

Over time expect your child to become more fluent at skip counting in 2s and 5s.

Variation:

- Start skip counting at any number, for example start skip counting in 2s from 12 or in 5s from 15.
- Work towards not using the ruler or tape measure as a prompt.

He Kupu Māori:

rūri	ruler
taura ine	tape measure
tatau mawhiti-rua	count in twos
uhi (~a)	cover up

He Whakawhitinga Kōrero:

- Kua uhia ētahi o ngā tau i te rūri. (*Some of the numbers on the ruler have been covered up.*)
- Kōrerohia mai ngā tau e uhia ana. (*Say the numbers which are covered up.*)
- He tatau mawhiti-rua ēnā tau kua tākina e koe. (*The numbers you have recited are skip counting in twos*)