



Doubles to 10

Why do this?

To help your child to learn the doubles to 10

What you need:

Socks or shoes - items that come in pairs (drumsticks, knitting needles, earrings, hair ties)

What to do:

Get 5 pairs of socks

Pick up one pair of socks and ask your child:

- *How many socks are in one pair?*

Repeat with the other pairs asking:

- *How many socks are in two pairs? three pairs? four pairs? five pairs?*
- *Ask your child how many shoes would be in three pairs?*

Explain to your child pairs are the same as doubles.

- *Ask them what is double one? Two? Three? Four? Five?*

What to expect your child to do:

- Initially your child may need to count the items. They should progress to instantly recalling the doubles for 1 – 5.

Variation:

Make matching pairs together

Look for opportunities to practice recalling the doubles of numbers 1 – 5.

For example:

Three people have taken their shoes off at the door – how many shoes are there?

Two drummers have a pair of drumsticks each – how many drumsticks?

