

Toys in the box

Box or tin with lid, a pot to upturn or a screen, cloth, cave ...

Toys, pennies, children, dinosaurs ...

Large numbers to display (you could write them on paper)

The game

Put toys one at a time into the box, so children cannot see them inside, counting all together. Ask: "Can you show on your fingers how many are hidden?" Display a large numeral.

Add one to the box, without showing the objects inside, and ask children to show on their fingers, "How many are there now?". Then show how many are inside the box and count to check.

Questions you could ask:

How many were there at the start?

How many are there now?

What if we add two more?

What if we take one out? Two out?