

# A Fun Beginner's Counting Guide



## Numbers Handout Numbers Flashcards Mini-Student Workbook Lots of Numbers Games, including . . Tic Tac Toe Loto Dice Math

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# LOS NUMEROS 0-20

0	cero
1	uno
2	dos
3	tres
4	cuatro
5	cinco
6	seis
7	siete
8	ocho
9	nueve
10	diez
11	once
12	doce
13	trece
14	catorce
15	quince
16	dieciséis
17	diecisiete
18	dieciocho
19	diecinueve
20	veinte

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# NUMBERS FLASHCARDS

Print off these flashcards onto card stock and cut them out. Write the numeral on the back of each card, and practice the numbers out of sequence.

UNO	DOS	
TRES	CUATRO	
CINCO	SEIS	
SIETE	ОСНО	
NUEVE	DIEZ	

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## EL MINI-CUADERNO DE EJERCICIOS

Saying and repeating the numbers or *los números* is great for pronunciation practice. Be sure to copy them accurately.

A. Write the Spanish word for the following numbers 1-20.
\*Copy from the Numbers Handout

1	11
2	12
3	13
4	
5	
6	16
7	
8	18
9	
10	20

#### B. Unscramble the Spanish word and write the number:

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## C. ¿Cuántos? How Many?

Count the objects and write how many you see. Follow the model.

1. Hay <u>un</u> balón.
2. Hay libros.
3. Hay perros.
4. Hay flores.
5. Hay uvas.
6. Hay caramelos.
7. Hay manzanas.

## NUMBER GAMES

Here are some fun activities for introducing, practicing, and reviewing numbers in a group setting:

#### Count the Claps

Ask someone to clap a rhythm for you. Count the claps in Spanish. Say the final Spanish number out loud.

#### **Guessing Game**

Ask someone to write down a number between 1 and 20. Can you guess it in Spanish?

#### Mixed-Up Dot-to-Dots

Take a traditional dot-to-dot picture, but change the numbers so that they are out of order. Either read or print the correct order of numbers. This activity will require students to comprehend numbers out of sequence (a real life skill) in order to complete the picture.

#### Cuatro Rincones-Four Corners

Blindfold one player who becomes the "Chooser." This person counts to ten or twenty while the rest of the group tiptoes to a corner of the classroom (or runs to a designated area outside). Then the Chooser points to a corner. Everyone in that corner must return to his or her seat and help count for the second round. Repeat the process, eliminate more players, and continue until only one player remains.

#### Fly Swatters

Arrange number flashcards on the ground. Give two players flyswatters. Call off a number and determine the fastest "swatter."

#### Concentration

Small groups of students match cards with a number and a number word. When students find matches they are entitled to keep the cards and take another turn. See who can find the most matches.



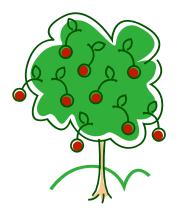
Play this fun team competition game to practice identifying numbers out of sequence. Divide your class into two teams, and call up one player at a time to identify a number flashcard. If correct, the player earns one point for their team and the opportunity to throw a ball in a basket from the one-, two-, or three-point line for additional points. Encourage lots of cheering in the target language!

#### Steal the Sombrero o una gorra (hats)

Divide the group into two even teams. Number the players so that there is a "1" on each team, a "2", a "3", etc. Line up the teams facing each other and place a sombrero or a gorra between the two lines. Call out a number. The players assigned to that number from each team must run to the middle, trying to grab the beret and return safely to their line without being tagged by their competitor.

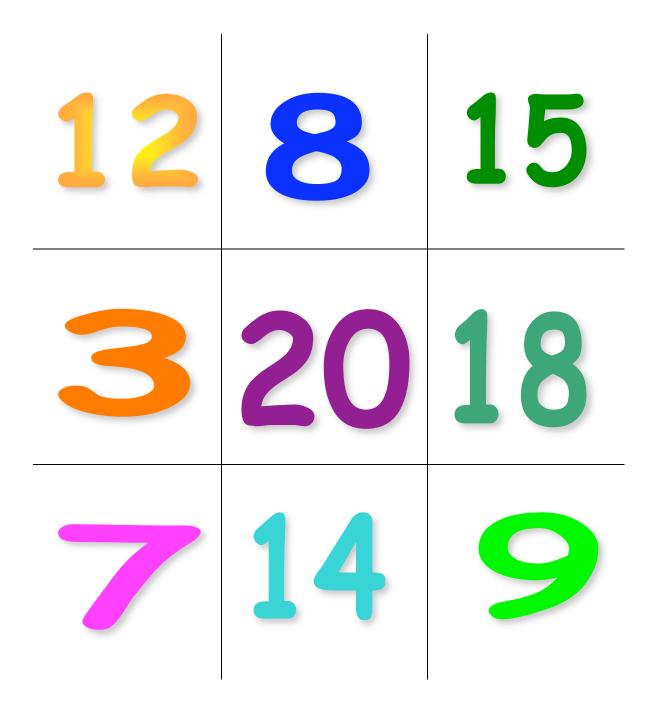
#### Hopscotch

Play a Spanish version of hopscotch. Get out the sidewalk chalk and draw a circular or spiral hopscotch course with numbers. Hop on one foot to the center, saying each Spanish number as you go. You may rest in the center, then hop on one foot back to the beginning.



## Tic Tac Toe

Play this game with a partner. You must say the number in Spanish before placing an X or O over the square.



Everyone loves a good game of Bingo! Print off this template and have each player fill in a Spanish number word, a numeral, a math problem, or pictures depicting various numbers of items. Randomly draw numbers 0-20. Four in a row is a bingo! *Buena suerte!* 

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#### Dice Math Competition

Play this game alone for practice, or compete against a friend. You will need a die and your numbers handout. You can write in the space provided at the bottom of this page.

- 1. Roll the die and write down the Spanish word for the number you see.
- 2. Write the word "y" which means "and" or "+"
- 3. Roll the die again and write down the Spanish word for the new number.
- 4. Write the word "son" which means "equals."
- 5. Figure out the answer and write it in Spanish.
- 6. Continue writing out as many addition problems as you can in three minutes.

For example, if you rolled a 3 and then a 4, you would write:

### tres y cuatro son siete



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