

Two letters, one sound

After Tea. Your grown-up reads these out. You do the talking, drawing and writing.

1. Look at these two letters together: sh. They make one sound – like you're telling someone to be quiet. Read each word.

Sh is one sound, not s then h.

Read each word. Find the sh.

ship shop fish dish shed

2. Now ch. It's the sound at the start of chip. Read these.

Read each word. Find the ch.

chip chop chin much lunch

3. Say the word for each picture you draw: does it have sh or ch? Draw a fish and a chip.

Draw it. Write sh or ch underneath.

fish

chip

4. Find one thing in the kitchen with sh or ch in it. Say it slowly.

Dish, shelf, chair, cheese, brush. Any one counts.

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Counting past 20

After Tea. Your grown-up reads these out. Use your fingers, spoons, anything.

Te reo thread – not a course

tahi · 1 · TAH-hee

rua · 2 · ROO-ah

toru · 3 · TOH-roo

whā · 4 · FAAH

rima · 5 · REE-mah

ono · 6 · OH-noh

whitu · 7 · FEE-too

waru · 8 · WAH-roo

iwa · 9 · EE-wah

tekau · 10 · TEH-koh

tekau mā tahi · 11 · TEH-koh mah TAH-hee

1. Count with me from 15 to 30. Then back from 30 to 20.

Twenty-nine, thirty, not 'twenty-ten'.

2. Fill in the missing numbers.

Write the missing number.

19, 20, __

24, 25, __

29, __, 31

3. Count these dots. Touch each one.

Count the dots.



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4. What number comes after 29?

After 29 comes ...

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Parent card · Two letters, one sound

Script · say this · stop if tense. Not a school report.

- Two letters, one sound. That's the whole idea tonight. When they see s and h side by side, they say /sh/ in one go, not /s/ /h/.
 - If they read ship as 's-h-i-p', cover the i-p and point to sh. 'These two are friends. They say one sound.' Then uncover.
 - Make it easier: Do sh only. Three words. Stop.
 - Make it harder: Add th: thin, that, bath. Which one makes your tongue poke out?
- Stop if tense: Reading three of the sh words is a full night.

Answers — keep folded over

Leave closed until you need it. Then use it to talk, not to tick.

- 1: ship, shop, fish, dish, shed
- 2: chip, chop, chin, much, lunch
- 3: fish – sh · chip – ch
- 4: Any real word with sh or ch.

Parent card · Counting past 20

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- Counting past 20 is where 'twenty-ten' shows up. Thirty is a new word. Say it together a few times.
- Watch the jump from 29 to 30, and 19 to 20. Those are the tricky spots.
- Make it easier: Count to 20 only.
- Make it harder: Count back from 30 to 0.
- If you'd like, count to ten in te reo Māori, then keep going: tekau mā tahi is 11

Stop if tense: Counting to 30 out loud is the night.

Answers — keep folded over

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1: 15 ... 30 · 30 ... 20

2: 21 · 26 · 30

3: 23

4: 30