

Carton of Eggs

Primary Objectives

20a. Counts

Why It's Important

Games that require your child to place one object in an individual designated space encourage her understanding of counting one object at a time. When you play this kind of game with your child, you can give her the assistance she needs to be successful.

Materials

Bowl; empty egg carton; plastic eggs

What You Do

1. Place an empty egg carton and the bowl of plastic eggs on a table. Invite your child to sort the eggs with you.
2. Demonstrate the process of putting one egg in each section of the egg carton. Ask her to repeat the action. *I'm going to put one egg here in this space. I'll put another one in the space next to it.*
3. Allow your child to use trial and error to determine how the eggs can be placed in the carton.
4. When there are only a few remaining empty spaces, count the number of spaces together. Ask your child to count out how many eggs she will need to fill the spaces. *There are one, two, three spots left in the carton. That means we need three more eggs. Can you help me count three eggs?*
5. Repeat the process a few times or for as long as your child is interested. After the egg carton is filled, explain where the eggs and carton are kept so that she can use them again at a later time.