

Counting Numbers up to 20

Chapter 5: How Many? · Topic 1

Key Concept

Numbers from 10 to 20 have special names: ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty. Some of these names, like 'eleven' and 'twelve', do not follow an obvious pattern, so we must remember them carefully.

From thirteen onward, we can notice a pattern: thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and so on, each ending in similar sounds, which makes them a little easier to remember once we notice the pattern.

Counting up to 20 helps us count larger groups of things, like a box of 15 crayons or a tray of 18 eggs, which we could not describe using only numbers up to 9.

Practising counting forward (1, 2, 3... up to 20) and even trying to count backward from 20 to 1 helps strengthen our understanding of number order.

Quick Revision Notes

- Numbers from 10 to 20 include ten, eleven, twelve... up to twenty.
- Eleven and twelve have special names that don't follow a clear pattern.
- From thirteen onward, number names follow a pattern.
- Counting to 20 helps count bigger groups of objects.
- We can practice counting forward and backward.
- 20 comes right after 19.
- Counting order never changes.
- Knowing numbers up to 20 helps in daily life, like counting age or classroom items.

Practice Questions

- 1 Count aloud from 1 to 20.
- 2 Count backward from 20 to 1 with help if needed.
- 3 Count a group of 15 objects, like buttons or beads.
- 4 Write the numbers 10 to 20 in order.
- 5 Find something at home that has close to 20 items and count them.
- 6 Practice saying the tricky numbers 11 to 15 correctly.