

Counting in Groups of Two

Chapter 11: How Many Times? · Topic 2

Key Concept

Instead of counting one by one, counting in groups of two means saying every second number: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and so on.

This works well for counting pairs of things, like counting shoes (which come in pairs) or counting hands and feet.

To count in groups of two, we can pair up objects first, then count the pairs by twos: if there are 5 pairs, we count 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, giving us 10 objects in total.

Counting by twos is a type of skip counting and is a helpful step toward understanding multiplication later on.

Quick Revision Notes

- Counting in groups of two means saying every second number.
- Example: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
- This works well for counting pairs, like shoes.
- 5 pairs counted by twos gives 10 objects.
- Counting by twos is a type of skip counting.
- It helps prepare us for multiplication later.
- Pairing objects first makes counting by twos easier.
- Counting by twos is faster than counting by ones.

Practice Questions

- 1 Count by twos from 2 to 20.
- 2 Count a group of shoes or socks by twos.
- 3 Pair up 10 objects and count them by twos.
- 4 Solve: How many is 6 pairs, counted by twos?
- 5 Practice counting your fingers by twos.
- 6 Find something at home that comes in pairs and count them by twos.