

Verbal counting to one hundred introduction



1 The pattern you know, now across every ten

Recall the pattern from last time — counting through the thirties: thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three. The tens word stays the same while the ones count up one, two, three.

“You already know this pattern — thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three. The ‘thirty’ stays; the ones count one, two, three.”

Meet the tens — the decade words in order: twenty, thirty, and now forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, up to one hundred. These are the new words to learn.

“Here are all the tens: twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety. Say them in order — these are our new words.”

Use the same pattern in a new ten — take forty: forty-one, forty-two, forty-three. It is exactly the pattern of the thirties, just a new tens word in front.

“Now forty. forty-one, forty-two, forty-three. Same pattern as the thirties — just ‘forty’ in front instead of ‘thirty.’”

Try another ten — seventy: seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three. In every ten, the ones count one to nine, then the ten is finished.

“Seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three... the ones count up to nine. What stays the same? What changes?”

Move to the next ten — when the ones reach nine (forty-nine), the tens word changes to the next one in order (fifty). Learn the order the tens go in.

“After forty-nine comes the next ten — fifty. The tens go in order. forty, fifty, sixty, seventy.”

Verbal counting to 100 — the 0–99 grid



Print on A4 (enlarge to A3 for display). Each row is a ten — read across a row to hear the pattern (the tens word stays, the ones count up). The tens (0, 10, 20...) are highlighted down the first column.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99

Verbal counting to 100 — the tens cards

Print on A4 (enlarge to A3). Cut out. Put the tens in order and say them — twenty, thirty, forty... up to one hundred. These are the new words to learn.



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80

90

100