



# Storytime Activity Guide

*One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller*  
by Kate Read

This thriller tells the tale of one famished fox with 2 sly eyes and 10 sharp teeth who comes across 3 plump hens, 5 snug eggs, and eventually an entire chicken house. Can you guess what happens at the end? Share this book with your child to talk about numbers and counting.

## Did you know?

A good foundation in **early math** prepares children for “math thinking,” and for later academic success. Early Math includes number sense, classifications and patterning, measurement, mathematical reasoning, and geometry (shapes). While reading *One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller* together, practice counting, pointing out numbers in print, pointing out the written number words, and guessing what number will come next to help your child develop their early math skills.



## Words to Practice

### MATH WORDS

one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, one hundred

### OTHER WORDS

Famished, Sly, Plump, Snug, Silent

## Talk about it!

**Ask your child how many items there are on the page**

“How many hens are there? Let’s count them.”

**Compare numbers with your child.**

How many eggs are there? Are there more eggs or more hens?

**Talk about number order with your child.**

“What number comes after two? What came before it?”

**Point out the numbers in the book for your child. Point out the numerals as well as the written words.**

(“10” and “ten” sharp teeth, for example).

## Find More Online

Scan this QR code for a Read Aloud of this book and more free resources.



[qrco.de/OneFox](http://qrco.de/OneFox)

## Create!

You can help your children make their own counting book. Give them some encouragement, written numbers to copy, and some drawing supplies.

### Materials needed:

- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stapler (optional)

1. Help your child fold a few pieces of paper into a book by stacking the paper up and then folding the whole stack in half.
2. If you have a stapler, staple the folded edge.
3. Ask your child to decide what kind of counting book they want to make.
4. Help them number the pages and draw pictures.
5. Then help them write the corresponding number word on each page.



### Play: Copy the Movements in the Book!

Roll a dice and have your child act out the movements in One Fox according to the number they roll. They can scratch the ground for worms, take silent steps on tiptoe, tap loudly on the wall, or flap their wings in anger.

If they roll a six, then they should do one of those things six times. If they roll one, then they can only move once before they must hold still.

