

# I spy number game

## What your child will learn:

Recognizing numbers

### STEP 1

Say to your child, “I spy with my little eye the number \_\_\_\_.” Say a number that you see. For example, “I spy with my little eye the number 3.”



### STEP 2

Your child has to try to find that number. He might find the number in the same place where you saw it or somewhere else. Good places to look for numbers are on license plates, in magazines, street signs, on prices in stores, and so on.

### STEP 3

Here are some ideas to vary the I Spy Number Game:

- Once your child finds the number, your child can ask you to do something that number of times.

For example, when your child finds the number 3, she might ask for 3 hugs or for you to hop 3 times.



3 Hugs



3 Hops

- Tell your child, “I spy with my little eye 3 red objects. What are they?”
- Spend a whole day looking for one number. Start the day by saying, “I spy with my little eye the number 9. How many 9s can you find today?” Around the house, on the way to preschool, on the way home, everywhere remind your child to look for the number 9.



#### ▲ **Make it Harder**

Ask your child to find numbers with two digits, like 12 or 15. Look for places where there are multiple two-digit numbers, for example in addresses like 1364.

#### + **Math is Everywhere**

Waiting is hard for young children but if you wait for the bus, in line at the grocery, or at the doctor's office, you can fill the time with math. In line at the grocery store, find numbers on the prices of things by the checkout. Ask your child, "What is the highest number you can find? What is the lowest?" At the doctor's office, open a magazine and hunt for numbers. Ask your child to look for numbers everywhere.

