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## Counting Creatures Number Worksheet Instructions


#### Abstract

This book of worksheets was designed to give children a fun way to practice writing the numerals and numeral recognition. It is my hope that your students will find these whimsical creatures fun and motivational! Please note that we have made an effort to provide a variety of worksheets so that you will be able to pick and choose the most appropriate ones for your class, considering the level that they are at and the time that you have. I would never ask or expect my students to do them ALL, and I certainly hope that most teachers of young children realize that doing them ALL would not reflect "best practices" in the early childhood classroom. Instead, I recommend that you use them selectively as follow-up activities to reinforce what the children have learned through manipulatives in real life, meaningful situations with real objects. In addition, they should make good homework packets for math when given a few at a time.


Here are some suggestions for the different sets of worksheets that are offered in this book.

## * Pages 2-11: Counting Creatures Poem

I copied these pages onto cardstock, colored them, and bound them into a booklet to read to the children. The children enjoy giving the correct number of claps for each Counting Creature! For example, the children clap six times during the counting part when it says, "Robot, robot, number six, How many arms can do those tricks?
One, two, three, four, five, six!"
Later, I like to have the children choose their favorite character by graphing their favorite one, and will then duplicate that one for them to color, since we wouldn't have time for them to color all of them.

* My favorite way of using pages 12-21 and 32-41 is by putting them in page protectors and having the children use them with fine tipped dry erase markers. Even better than page protectors are the thicker, sturdier, dry erase sleeves sold at www.reallygoodstuff.com and at other websites.
* Pages 72-89 are designed to have the children draw the missing parts of the creatures in the correct quantities. Notice that we have also provided full sized creatures for your students to practice drawing on as well! I think that the best way to practice is to use dry erase sleeves or page protectors and have the children draw the teeth, hair, or balls, etc., as many times as necessary until they are comfortable with it.
* Notice that pages 90-108 are progressive in difficulty. They begin with simply one or two objects on each page, and then add one more item on each page. The last page in the set has no more than ten on each line.


Robot, robot, number eight, How many hairs can we locate?
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight!

Color the picture.


Creature, creature, number nine! How many bows make you look fine?
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine!


Monster, monster, number ten, How many spikes on your rear end?

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten!

Circle all the number ${ }^{7}$ ’; on this page.

Name $\qquad$

seven seven seven


Circle all the number 8 's: Name on this page.


Circle all the number 9's;
Name on this page.


Color by numbers to find an 8. Name


Color by numbers to find a 9. Name


Color by numbers to find a 10 . Name


Trace and write the number 6.
Name
(6) (6)


GX 8

Trace and write the number 9 .
Name $\qquad$


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Trace and write the number $10 . \quad$ Name $\qquad$




## Circle the correct number. Name

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## Circle the correct number. Name

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## Circle the correct number. Name

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Find the sets of SIX items.
Cut and paste them next to the Creature, then color.




Find the sets of SEVEN items. Name
Cut and paste them next to the Creature, then color.


Find the sets of EIGHT items. Name Cut and paste them next to the Creature, then color.


## Draw and color EIGHT items. Name





Draw the right number of bows.
Name $\qquad$


Draw the right number of bows.
Name


Draw the right number of bumps. Name


## Draw the right number of bumps.



## Count and Color 8 items. Name



## Count and Color 10 items. <br> Name


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