

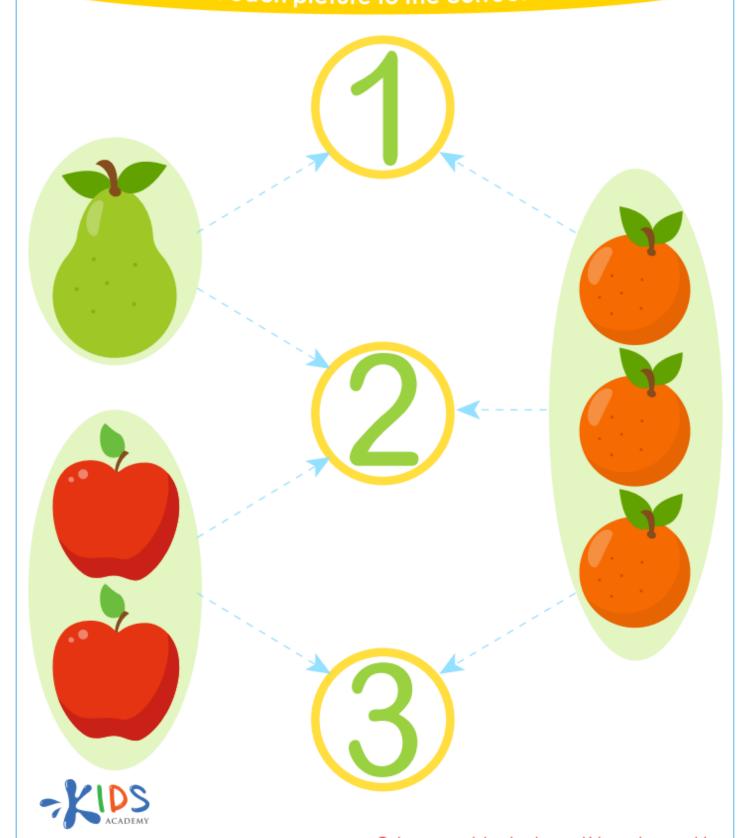
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As parents, we all want to see our children excel academically, especially in the crucial foundation years. Learning basic math skills early on can lay the groundwork for future success. While many of us think of math as something complicated, it's actually all around us, in the form of patterns, numbers, and groups. And one way to introduce your preschooler to these concepts is by helping them arrange objects into groups. This fun activity can improve their sorting skills, introduce them to basic math concepts, and encourage their curiosity and love of learning. Let's dive into the world of grouping objects and help our little ones explore the exciting world of math.

Arranging objects into groups allows kids to practice recognizing and distinguishing patterns, shapes, and colors. It also helps them learn how to categorize and classify objects based on similarities and differences, which are important skills for math and science learning. In early learning, arranging objects helps to solidify their counting skills. This activity makes the connection between numbers and groups. As you work with your child, encourage them to count each type of fruit and then look for the corresponding number. The Fruit Bowl and Bees in Threes worksheets are a fun way to practice looking for groups of three.

## Fruit Bowl

Trace a line from each picture to the correct number of fruits.



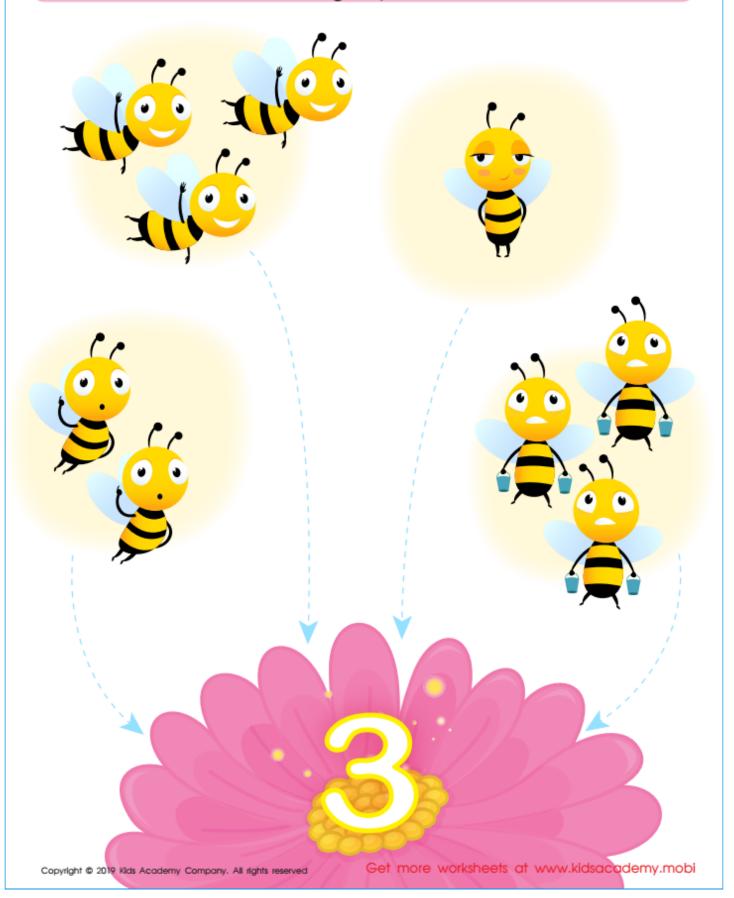
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## Bees in Threes



Trace a line to the groups that have 3 bees.



Arranging objects in groups promotes numeracy skills as well as spatial awareness. Kids need to understand the size and position of each object relative to the others. This skill is essential for activities such as reading, writing, and drawing, where kids need to understand the placement and orientation of letters and shapes on a page.

Here are a few fun ideas that you can do at home to support your child in arranging objects.

- 1. Count and Sort: Grab a bunch of different objects and ask your child to count them all. Then, help them sort them into groups of three.
- 2. Three's a Crowd: Show your child a group of three objects and ask them to create their own group of three using different objects from around the house.
- 3. Shape Shift: Grab a bunch of objects with different shapes and sizes, then ask your child to create groups of three based on similar shapes or sizes.
- 4. Treasure Hunt: Hide three objects around the house and ask your child to find them. Once they've found all three, challenge them to arrange the objects in a creative way. This fun worksheet has a concept similar to Treasure Hunt. Work with your child to search for groups of three at the zoo!

## At the Zoo: Counting Practice TLDS



Circle the images that you can see 3 of in the picture below.









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- 1. Three Little Pigs: Using different objects, ask your child to create a house for each of the three little pigs. They'll have to arrange the objects in groups of three to create the walls, roof, and doors.
- 2. Race to Three: Challenge your child to a race to see who can group objects into threes the fastest. Set a timer and get ready to count!

Remember, learning takes time and practice. Encourage your child to keep trying and have fun with these activities. Celebrate their successes and help them to work through challenges.

Teaching your preschooler to arrange objects in groups requires patience and creativity. As a parent or caregiver, you can make the learning experience more fun and enjoyable for kids by using different props and incorporating them into daily routines. Continue their learning journey with other activities in our digital catalogue.

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