

#### **Arranging up to 5 Objects**

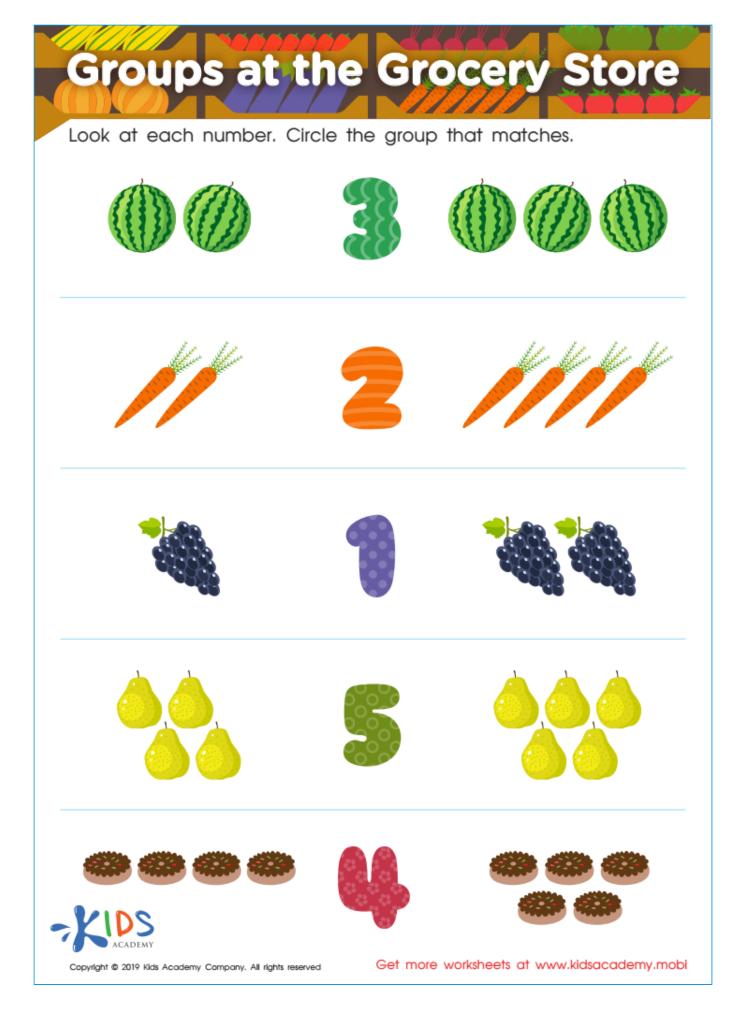
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Math doesn't have to be intimidating or boring for your preschooler! There are plenty of fun activities you can do at home to get your child comfortable with counting and sorting objects. Counting helps children understand numbers, patterns, and relationships. It lays the groundwork for more complex math skills like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In addition, counting helps with problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking skills. Sorting is also a key skill that preschoolers need to develop. Sorting teaches children about grouping and classifying objects based on similarities and differences. It helps with categorization, organization, and attention to detail.

These are some of the most basic math concepts—counting and sorting groups—and how you can make it an enjoyable activity for your child. By providing a stimulating and engaging environment, your child can learn the basics of math in no time.

Who doesn't love a good snack? Snacks can be a fun and delicious way to practice counting and sorting with your preschooler. Here are some easy ideas to try at home:

- 1. Counting Chips: Grab a bag of chips and pour them out on the table. Encourage your child to count out loud as they pick up each chip and place it in a bowl. You can even make it more challenging by asking them to count by twos or fives.
- 2. Sorting M&M's: Take a bag of M&M's and ask your child to sort them by color. Not only does this activity help with sorting skills, but it also helps with color recognition and counting as they count how many of each color they have.
- 3. Fruit Patterns: Cut up pieces of fruit like strawberries, blueberries, and bananas, and encourage your child to create patterns using the fruit. For example, they could make a pattern of strawberry-blueberry-strawberry-blueberry. This activity helps with pattern recognition and counting as they count how many of each fruit they use. Reinforce the gained skill with this bright worksheet from Kids Academy:



You can follow some of these fun food counting activities with this lesson which features groups of different fun items as a way to practice counting!

By incorporating snacks into math activities, you're making learning fun and engaging for your preschooler. Plus, who doesn't love a tasty treat as a reward for their hard work?

Another great way to help your preschooler learn to count and group objects is to make it a part of your child's daily routine. Here are some ways to sneak in a little math practice throughout the day:

- Counting Steps: Count the number of steps it takes to get from one place to another. You can even make a game out of it by challenging your child to guess how many steps it will take.
- Measuring and Counting Ingredients: Let your child help you measure and count the different ingredients when cooking or baking. This will not only reinforce counting skills but also introduce them to the concept of measuring.
- Setting the Table: Have your child count how many plates, cups, and utensils are needed to set the table. You can even have them sort the utensils by type or color.

Along with daily routine, using a practice page is another great way to help your child practice their math skills. These worksheets use everyday objects to help your practice counting.



Arranging Clothes

Look at the pictures. How many of each object do you see? Count and circle the correct number.

## pants

5

4

3

#### shorts

1

2

4

## socks

4

5

3

#### t-shirts

2

4

5

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# **Arranging School Supplies**

Look at the pictures. How many of each object do you see? Count and circle the correct number.



scissors

2

1

3

glue

4

2

1

crayons

3

2

5

books

4

1

3

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By incorporating math into your child's daily routine, you'll be helping them develop important skills in a fun and natural way. Remember, even the simplest activities can help build a strong foundation for math success later on!

Continue the learning journey by checking out all of the activities in our learning catalogue!

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