

Key Instant Recall Facts

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

- I can recall subtraction facts for numbers up to 5
- I can recite number names in order up to 20

Key Vocabulary:

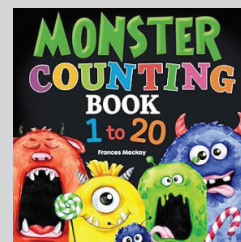
Subtract, Take away, Minus, Equals, Left

Stem sentences:

I had ____, I took away ____, now I have ____ left.

____ take away ____ equals ____.

There were _____. ____ were taken away. ____ are left.



Use everyday objects

Practise with small items such as grapes, toy cars, buttons, or blocks. Start with up to 5 objects, take some away, and ask, "How many are left?" For example, "Here are 5 grapes. If you eat 2, how many are left?"

Play subtraction games

Use dice, cards, or board games to make learning fun. Roll a die (using numbers 1-5), count out that many objects, then remove some and work out how many remain.

Sing songs and use rhymes

Songs like Five Little Ducks or Five Speckled Frogs naturally introduce subtraction as one character disappears each verse, helping children understand "taking away."

Practise with fingers and drawings

Encourage children to show numbers up to 5 on their fingers, then put some fingers down to represent subtraction. They can also draw 5 circles, cross some out, and count what is left.

Make it part of daily life

"You have 5 crackers. If you eat 1, how many are left?"

"There are 4 toys on the floor. Put 2 away. How many are still out?" Count together during everyday routines.

Sing counting songs and nursery rhymes.

Play counting games to 20.

Read counting books together.

Count toys, snacks, or household objects.

Count steps while walking or climbing stairs.

Spot and say numbers when out and about.

Use number cards for quick practice.

Count forwards from different starting numbers.

Watch and join in with counting videos or apps.

BBC Numberblocks series 4

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006s5q/numberblocks-series-4-i-can-count-to-twenty>