

ONE IS A SNAIL, TEN IS A CRAB – A Counting by feet book

Look at the cover together. What do you see? Where do you think the story takes place?

Read the book with your child. Enjoy the amusing illustrations and follow your child's lead in terms of what interests them. Younger children might be more engaged with some of the lower numbers while older children might prefer comparing crabs and dogs in terms of the number 40.

Encourage prediction: "How many?" "How do you know?" "What might have 5 feet?" "7 feet..."

As your child counts the feet, encourage the idea of counting on. (a spider has 8 legs and one more makes ...9 rather than counting 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8...9)

Revisit pages that interest them.

Ideas to extend the fun and math :

- Cut out the images based on the book and put them all in a container. Pull 3 out and see what number they add up to.
OR
- Put them out face up. Roll one die or a number of dice and use the pictures to make the correct number.
- If you have used more than one die there will probably be more that one way to create the number
- On the blank template children can create their own creatures for the game. There are many 4 footed creatures but also consider octopus, starfish, or invented creatures to continue the fun.
- Make a pattern
- Create challenges – how many ways can you make 70?
- Use the images to show greater than $>$, less than $<$, and equal $=$



$$6 + 1 < 8$$

or



$$6 + 2 = 8$$