

How to help at home Maths

In the street

Number plates, find numbers, add numbers together
Compare door numbers, 'What will be next?'
Count - how many lampposts on the way to school?
Recognise bus numbers



Doing the washing

Count in 2s - matching shoes
Sort by colour and size.
Match and pair up socks.
Find four shoes that are different sizes and put them in order.



Food

Can you cut your toast into 4 pieces? Can you cut it into triangles?
Set the table; count the right number of plates etc. How many more do we need?
Help with the cooking by measuring and counting ingredients.
Set the timer.



Going shopping

Read price tags
Count items into the basket
Find and count coins
Compare weights - 'Which is heavier?'
Recognise size - Can you get me a big....?'



Games

Snap (match pairs) or Happy Families (collect 4 of a kind)
Snakes and ladders or other simple dice games.
Add numbers on two dice.
Bingo, with numbers or shapes
Hopscotch



Measuring

Are you taller than a ...?
Mark height on the wall.
Cut hand shapes out of paper. How many hands long is the couch?
How long is the table? Which is longer?

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years>
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>