



Counting Animals

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Early
Family
Math



Interactive Story

English

Adult Readers

Before Talking Talk with your child before they can talk or even understand the words. Point at, name, and describe things you see, such as shapes, colors, comparisons, and quantities. As your child begins to understand words, ask about a thing and have your child point at it. For example, "Where is the ball?" If your child can't find the thing, point to it for them.

Early Talking As your child begins to understand and say words, mix in simple questions. Freely help with answers as needed. If you point and say "Is this red?" and they don't know, supply the answer. If you say "Count the blocks." and your child does not know how, point and count the blocks with them "one, two, three."

Math Themes and Words This story has counting to 9 and number and size comparisons. Practice words: one, two, to nine, big, small, most, least, one more, and one less.

Read, Talk, and Have Fun! The supplied questions and comments are just the beginning.

For the 1st reading, read the red questions and comments.

For the 2nd reading, read the blue questions and comments.

For the 3rd reading, read the green questions and comments.

After that, follow your child's interests and let your discussions go in fun directions.



One elephant
is going to drink
water.

1. Count together the elephants, the tusks, the feet, the eyes, and the tails.
2. Which items are there the most of and which are there the least of?
3. What do you think the elephant is about to do?



Two giraffes are going to drink water.

1. Each giraffe has four feet.
Count the number of giraffes and the number of feet.

2. The giraffes are very tall.
They must bend way down to get to the water.

3. Two giraffes are one more animal than one elephant.
What is one more animal than two animals?



What is one less animal than three animals?

Three buffaloes and four birds are also going to drink water.

1. Count together the buffaloes, the birds, the horns, and the tails.
2. When there is one source of water, all the thirsty animals come to that one place. If a lion wants to hunt animals, this is a good place to find them!
3. Three buffaloes is one less animal than four animals.

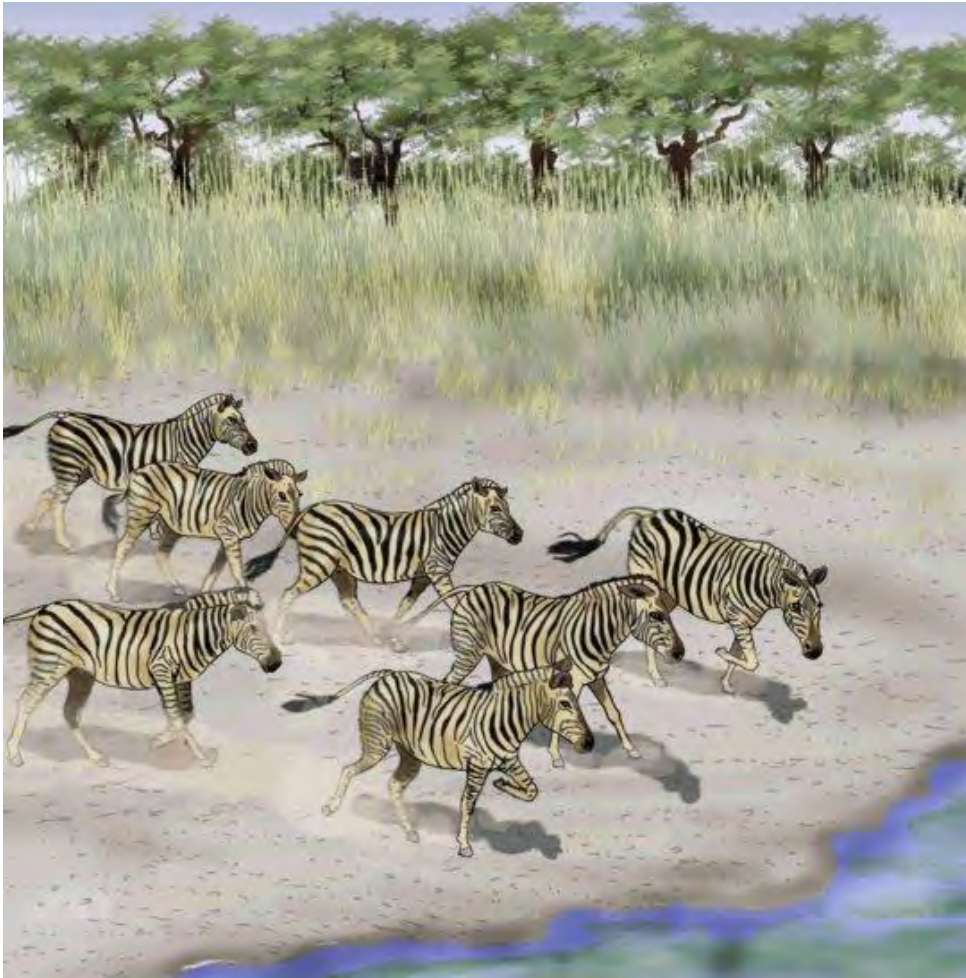


Five antelopes
and six warthogs
are walking to the
water.

1. Count the antelopes and
the warthogs. How many of
the warthogs are babies?

2. Some of the antelopes are
looking around rather than
looking at each other. The
pack stays safe by having
some of them looking for
danger!

3. Of antelopes and
warthogs, which are there
more of and which are there
less of?

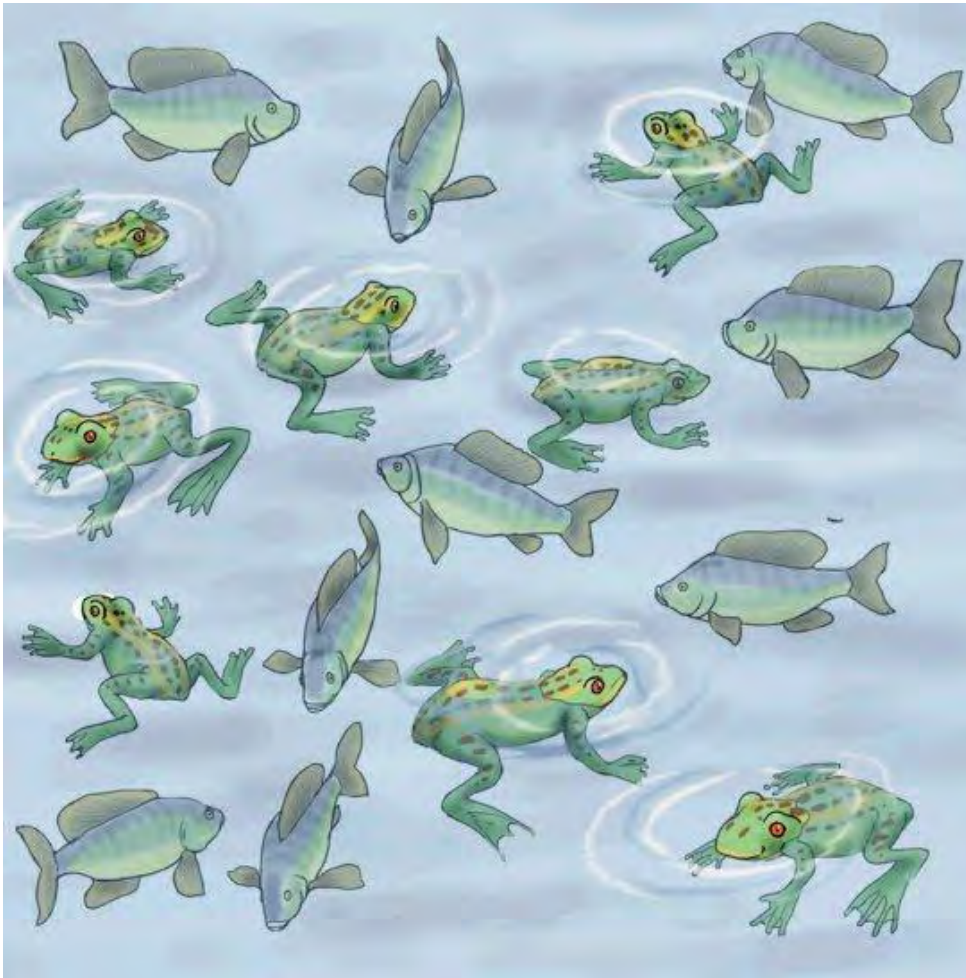


Seven zebras are running to the water.

1. Count the zebras and the trees.

2. How can you tell that the zebras have been running? They must be very thirsty to be running to the water!

3. Try counting the black stripes on some of the zebras. Do some zebras have more stripes than others?

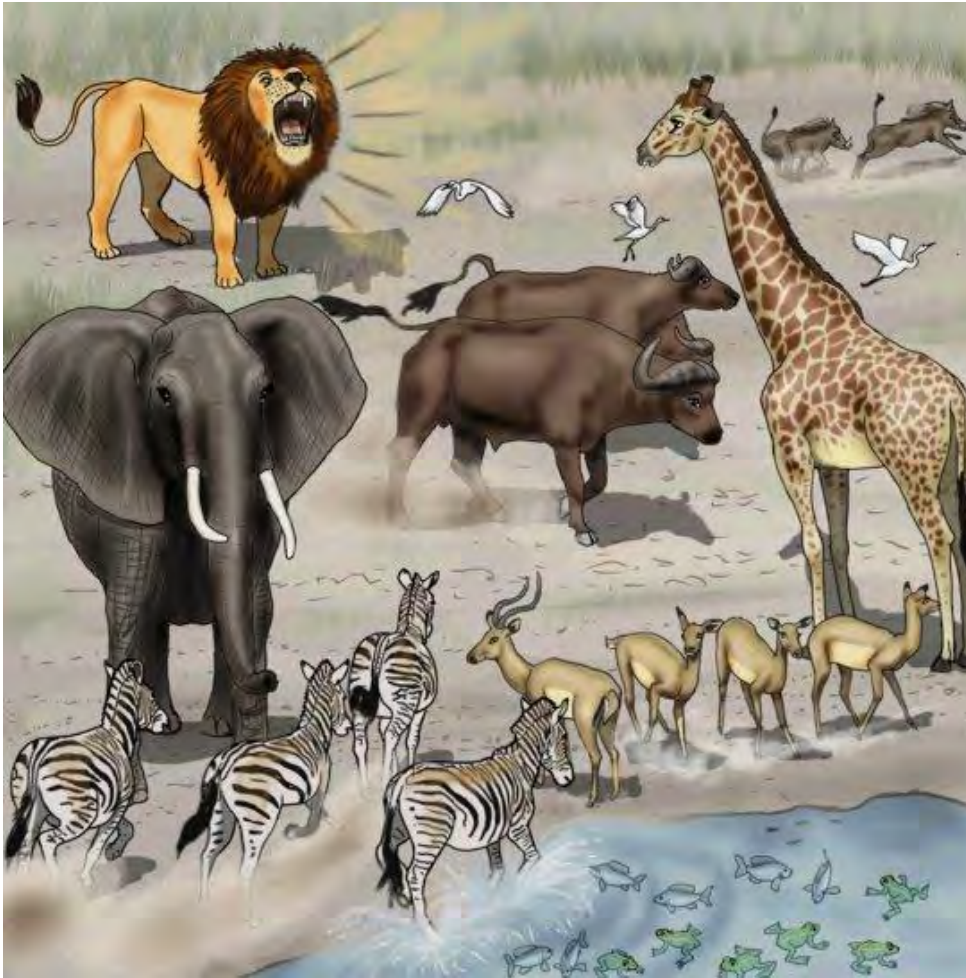


Eight frogs and nine fish are swimming in the water.

1. Count together the frogs and the fish. Can you count that high?

2. They are packed very tightly together. Do you think they feel crowded or do they like having the company?

3. What is one more than eight frogs? What is one less than nine fish?



How many different kinds of animals can you count?

1. One lion roars. He also wants to drink. Who is afraid of the lion?

2. Count together the lions, warthogs, birds, zebras, antelopes, giraffes, water buffaloes, and elephants. That's a lot of counting!

3. Most of the animals start to run away from the lion. Which animals will stay?



One elephant is drinking water with the lion.

1. The elephant, birds, fish, and frogs did not run away.

2. Would you run away from a lion?

3. Would it be fun to go for a swim in this watering hole?

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