



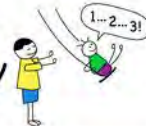
Palm Tree

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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 12, comparing, and shapes. Practice words: numbers to 12, how many, estimate, counting by 2's, more, less, difference, round shape, box shape, loop, and pattern.

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.



Let me tell you
about the palm tree.

1. Do you have palm trees where you live? There are many kinds of palm trees – perhaps yours look different than these.

2. His necklace has a repeating pattern of yellow and red beads. Count the beads by using the pattern to count by 2's.

3. He has loops for his ears. How many looping pieces of clothing does he have? Be sure to look all over.



This tree lives when everything else is dry.

1. Water is needed by most living things. Palm trees are smart about using very little water in a dry place.

2. The branches split into two branches as they go up. Count the branches at the top of what we can see before the leaves.

3. Count the bones and stones on the ground.



The shade from a palm tree is always cool.

1. Is there something special about the shade of a palm tree that makes it cool?

2. Is the shade of all trees cool?

3. This person barely fits inside this shade. Why did he pick such a small tree? Maybe there aren't any other trees nearby?



We eat fruit from the palm tree.

1. Name and count the kinds of fruit you like to eat.

2. Their hair is braided into rows. Which one has more rows that you can see? What is the difference between the two numbers – how many more?

3. Does it make sense that the bigger person would have the bigger number of hair rows?



We use palm leaves to thatch our houses.

1. This house has a round shape. Round houses are easier to build and enclose more space.

2. Do you have any round buildings where you live?

3. Balls and light bulbs are usually round. What are some round things around you?



We make brooms and mats from palm leaves.

1. Of the things around you, which of them look like they are made directly from trees or other natural materials?

2. Count together the number of different things in this picture that are made from a palm.

3. Count the number of loops that she is wearing. Is the number more or less than the man had on an earlier page?



We use palm tree seeds for fuel.

1. Burning palm tree seeds is one of many possible sources of heat. How do you get heat where you live?

2. What are other uses for heat besides cooking?

3. An estimate is an educated guess based on partial information. Estimate the number of seeds in that basket. Is it a bigger number than you know?



Do you see why the palm tree is important?

1. List and count how many ways the palm tree is useful to them.

2. What are some trees where you live that have important uses?

3. Whether useful or not, what are some of your favorite trees near you?

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