

# Eric Carle's 123

AGE LEVEL 3–5 years

## About the Story

*Eric Carle's 123* is a counting book. We meet different animals on each page as we count from one to 10. Each page also includes dots that match the number of animals.



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## Words to Learn

### COUNTING WORDS

one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten

### NUMERALS

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

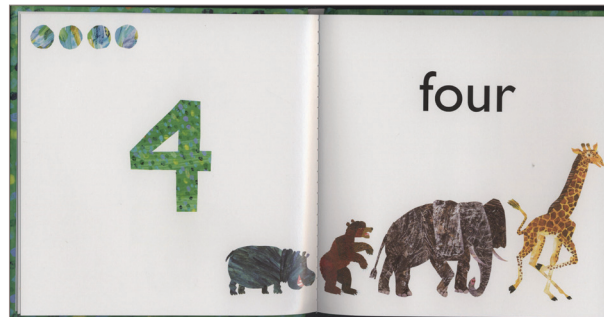
### ANIMALS

giraffe, elephant, bear, hippopotamus, pig, dog, squirrel, turtle, chick, caterpillar

## About the Math

While counting the number of animals, your child can learn:

- Each animal is counted only once and matched with only one dot.
- The last number counted indicates the total number of animals.
- How to say the counting words in order: one, two, three, four, etc.
- How to read the written numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.
- The written numbers tell us the total number of animals.



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## Math Talk During Reading

### EXPLORE COUNTING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS

How many animals are there?

### EXPLORE MATCHING THE NUMBER OF DOTS AND ANIMALS

Are there the same number of dots as animals? How do you know?

### TALK ABOUT THE ORDER OF THE ANIMALS

Which animal is first in line? How about third?

### MAKE PREDICTIONS

If there are five animals on this page, how many animals will we see on the next page? How do you know?

### EXPLORE COUNTING BACKWARD FROM 10 TO ONE

Let's try it backward! What comes before 10?

*Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!*

## Activity After Reading

### TALK ABOUT COUNTING EVERYDAY OBJECTS

Let's count how many steps we take as we walk!