

# One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab by April & Jeff Sayre

AGE LEVEL 5–8 years

## About the Story

Each page of this book invites children to count the number of feet people and different animals have. Children will enjoy counting from one to 100 with silly snails, insects, dogs, and crabs. One important caution: The story talks about the number of animals, but the math is really about the number of feet on each animal. You may need to clarify this (potentially) confusing usage.



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## Words to Learn

### COUNTING WORDS

ten, one hundred

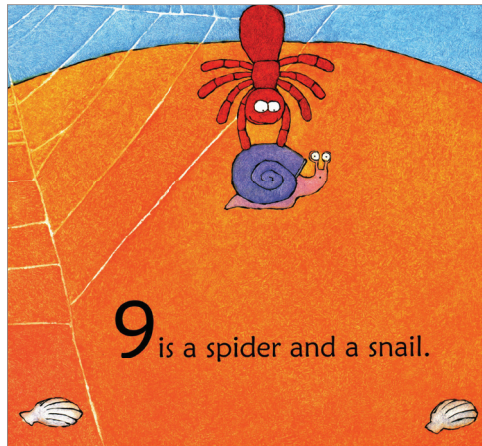
### OTHER WORDS

snail, spider, crab, beach

## About the Math

This is a book about counting. In this story, children can learn:

- The last number of feet we count tells us the total number of feet on the page.
- When we add one foot of a snail, we add one more to the total number of feet on the page.
- How to count by groups of 10 using a crab's 10 feet.
- How to add smaller numbers of feet to make bigger numbers.



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## Math Talk During Reading

### EXPLORE COUNTING THE NUMBER OF FEET IN DIFFERENT ANIMALS

How many feet does an insect have? Can you show me with your fingers?

### PRACTICE ADDING ONE MORE

What happens when we add one foot of a snail? How many feet do we have altogether? How do you know?

### EXPLORE COUNTING BY GROUPS OF 10

If we have two crabs, how many feet do they have altogether? How do you know?

### PRACTICE DIFFERENT WAYS TO MAKE A NUMBER

How can you make 40 feet with people?

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

## Activity After Reading

### PRACTICE ADDING AND COUNTING AT HOME

How many feet are there altogether in our family?