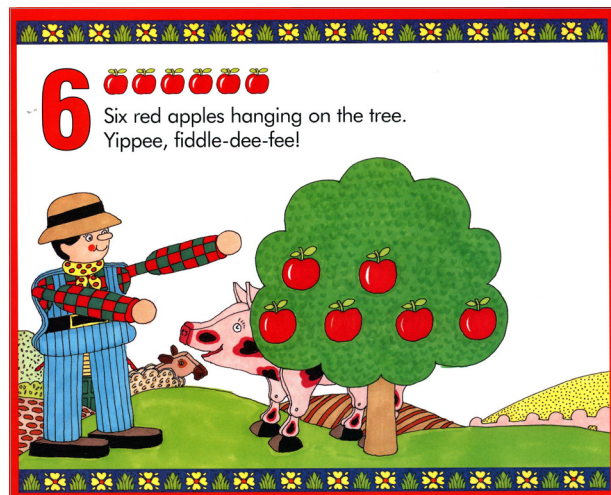


Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins

AGE LEVEL 3-5 YEARS

About the Story

A farmer starts with 10 red apples hanging on the tree. But then horse comes along and eats one apple! The farmer is left with nine apples, until cow comes and eats another! More animals arrive, each making funny sounds as it eats another apple off the farmer's tree. The farmer is happy that he is left with one apple for himself, but his wife is sad to find no apples left for her. What can the farmer do to help his wife?



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Words to Learn

MATH WORDS

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

About the Math

Children can practice counting and subtracting in the story. While reading, children can learn:

- To practice careful counting by pointing to each apple once and only once while saying the counting words.
- How to figure out how many apples are left after an animal eats one. Each time, there is one less, and the numbers decrease in order from 10 all the way down to zero.
- To match the number of apples on the tree with the written numeral and the number word on the top left of the page.



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Math Talk During Reading

PRACTICE CAREFULLY COUNTING THE NUMBER OF APPLES

How many apples are on the tree? Let's point to each apple as we count it. How many apples are on the top of the page?

TRY SUBTRACTING ONE APPLE

How many apples are on the tree? How many apples will be left after pig eats one?

NOTICE THE WRITTEN NUMBER AFTER COUNTING THE APPLES

There are five apples. This is the number 5 and this is the word five.

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

Activity After Reading

COUNT THE FOOD THAT YOUR CHILD IS EATING AND TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR CHILD EATS ONE ITEM OF THAT FOOD.

For example, "One, two, three, four. You have FOUR strawberries! Yum, you just ate one. How many strawberries are left? You can count again to make sure."