How many spots on the dinosaur?

What do you need?

- spots (pebbles, buttons, beans,..)
- picture of a dinosaur (provided with this lesson)
- cards with numbers on (1-10, can be made at home)
- You can prepare this activity with your little one. When you print out/draw your dinosaurs, you can colour them together.

What to do?

At school we have been learning to count from 1 to 10 every day. We have been learning to recognise the numbers as well. This game will bring together counting and number recognition into one fun activity.

Introduce a Dino the Dinosaur to your little one. Explain to them that Dino is sad because he lost his fun spots and he needs some help to put them back on. Encourage your little one to choose a number card, identify the number and place correct number of spots on to Dino. Make sure that they use 1:1 correspondence while counting (take one spot at the time saying the correct number, one taking one spot, two, taking one more spot, and so on).

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You can create as many dinosaurs as you like, each of them can have a different number of spots.

Challenge

If you want to make the activity more difficult, place a chosen number of spots onto Dino. Ask you little one, 'How many spots does Dino have now? Can you find the correct/right number?' Encourage your little one to count spots on Dino one by one to ensure that they count correctly.

