

# The Ten Frame

## Printable Ten Frame & Tips

Give your child the opportunity to explore the blank ten frame first (no objects on it). Ask them what they notice. Encourage them to count the number of boxes on the top, bottom, and in total.

Next, we recommend placing just a few objects on the ten frame starting with the top left box and filling to the right from there. Fill the top row of 5 prior to beginning to place items on the bottom row. This will allow your child to anchor to 5 using the ten frame as well as 10. Always place only one counter or object in each box.

If your child chooses to fill the ten frame in a different way- that's okay! Ask what they are noticing about the number and if there are different ways they can see the number. When *you* fill the frame, model filling from the left to right and filling the top row first to encourage your child to eventually do the same.

Use anything that fits within the boxes as counters, but try to keep your items consistent. If you don't want to buy fancy counters we recommend pennies, dried beans, or cheerios as easy options.

Ask questions such as:

- How many (counters) do you see? How do you see them?
- What is another way someone might see them?

If your child is only counting by ones and not attending to the relationship to 5 or 10 you can nudge them using questions such as:

- How many more would it take to fill the top row? How many would you remove to have only the top row filled?
- How many more (or less) than 5 do you have? How do you know?
- How many more would it take to fill the whole ten frame?
- How many more (or less) than 10 do you have? How do you know?

Blank Ten Frame on the next page!



Ten Frame Video
