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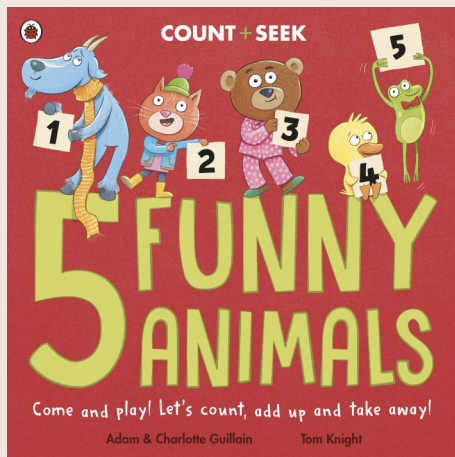


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5 Funny Animals

Adam Guillain and Charlotte Guillain

This book shows 5 funny animals and their actions while helping children learn to count, know numbers and explore simple adding and taking away. 5 Funny Animals is sure to appeal to children who love numbers as well as those who don't. It is a great addition to the book shelf of children getting ready to start school!



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Count the numbers on the front cover together with your child making sure you point to each number and animal while counting. You can use your fingers on your other hand to help count. Show your child that they can do it too!
- ▶ Ask your child if this book is like any other book or song that they know. They might make a connection with *5 Little Ducks* or *5 Cheeky Monkeys* and you can sing a song together before reading.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ For counting (like reading) we always start from the left of the page and move across to the right. Wow, how many animals can you and your child count on the first full page of the book? You can use 'I counted ___' to describe the number!
- ▶ You can use the concepts 'more than' to talk about when there is a bigger number than another and 'less than' when there is a smaller number than another. Make sure to show your child the numbers to help them understand.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Use your number skills with your child when doing activities around the home together e.g. when sorting the laundry, putting food away after shopping and placing dirty dishes in the sink!
- ▶ Set up a hide and seek game with your child's teddies and toys like in the story! You can talk about *where* the animals are hiding using words like *in*, *on*, *under*, *next to*. Make sure you keep count of each toy you find.

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