

Heart Hopping

Number Recognition

Ordinal and Cardinal Numbers

What are ordinal and cardinal numbers?

Cardinal numbers are natural numbers. They represent the 'quantity' of something such as 1 or 7 or 101.

Whereas an **ordinal number** indicate the 'order' of something in a sequence such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, et cetera.

What You Need:

- Hearts to hop on. Can be made using any non-slippery, durable material such as foam-sheets, cardboard or felt. Or they can be drawn on a sidewalk or in the dirt. Include all the numbers your child has previously or is currently working on. (Hint: If you make the hearts out of foam-sheets, you will be able to use the reverse side for other activities.)

What You Do:

1. Place the hearts in order on the ground. Say, "Here is the number 1, we will put it down first. Here is the number 2, it goes second." If your child knows some or all his numbers, you can ask him to find the next number by saying, for example, "Please hand me the number 2".
2. Let your child jump on the numbers in order.
3. Model this activity* for your child by saying, "You hop on number 1 first (Let your child hop on number 1). You hop on number 2 second. Etc."



*Gentle Reminder: Modeling involves three steps.

1. I say it.
2. We say it.
3. You say it.