

The Number Line – Practical Activities

Advice and ideas

Maths

Encourage children to roll a dice and count out that many items. Invite children to find that numeral on a number line. Repeat and compare the position of the numerals on the number line.

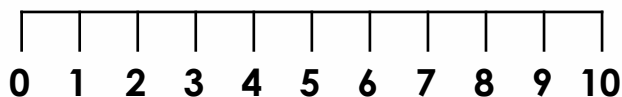
Writing

Provide blank and missing number lines for children to complete. Ask children to find a number smaller than five, greater than seven, one less than three, etc.

Maths

123

Find the numeral.



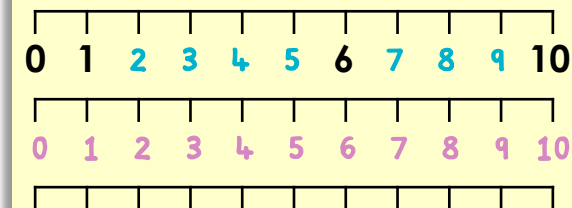
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Writing



Finish the number lines.



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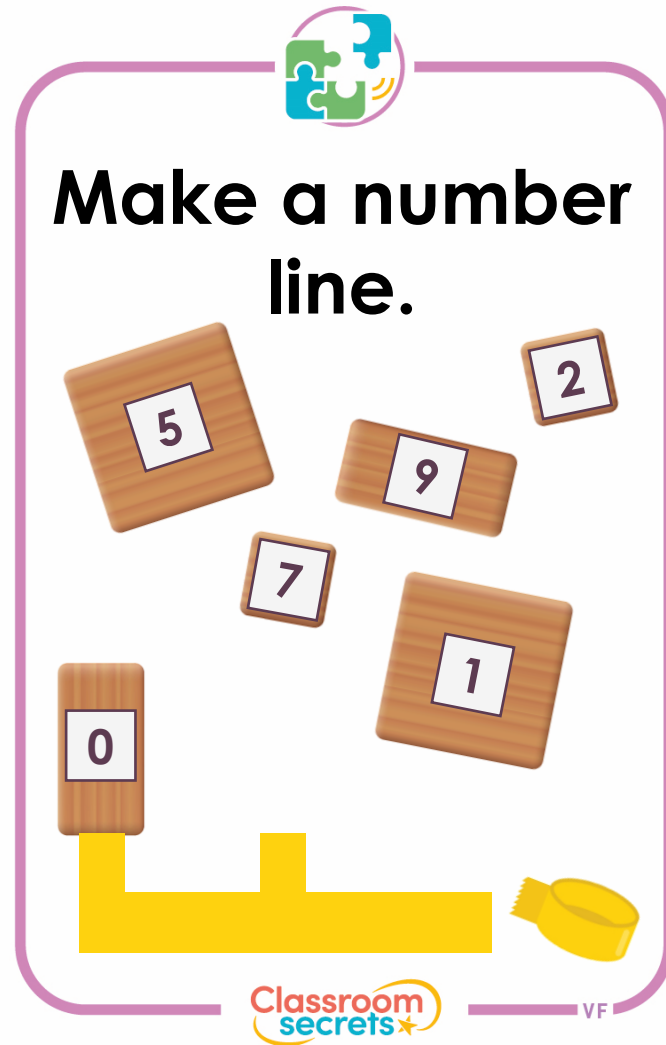
Construction

Use masking tape to set up a number line on the floor. Encourage children to place the numbered blocks in the correct places. Describe the numbers using greater than, less than, etc.

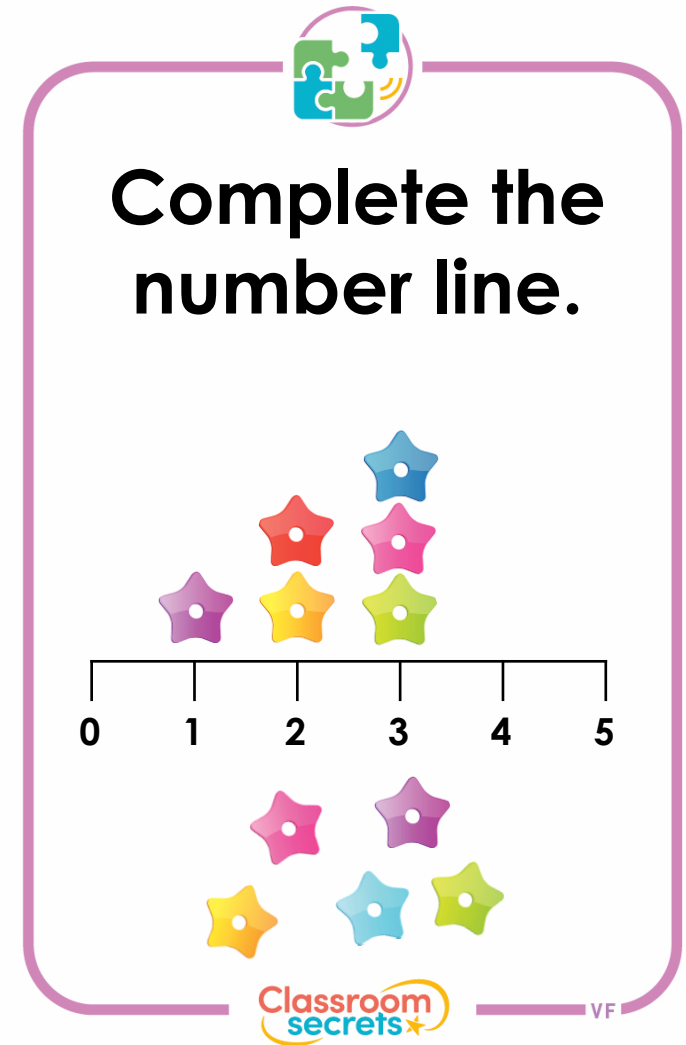
Creative

On paper, encourage children to add craft resources to a number line. Supporting adults to ask 'What is one less than eight?' or 'Which direction will you go to find the greatest number, why?'.

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Sand

Encourage children to make a number line using small twigs. Can they position numerals correctly? Where will they put the smallest number? Why?

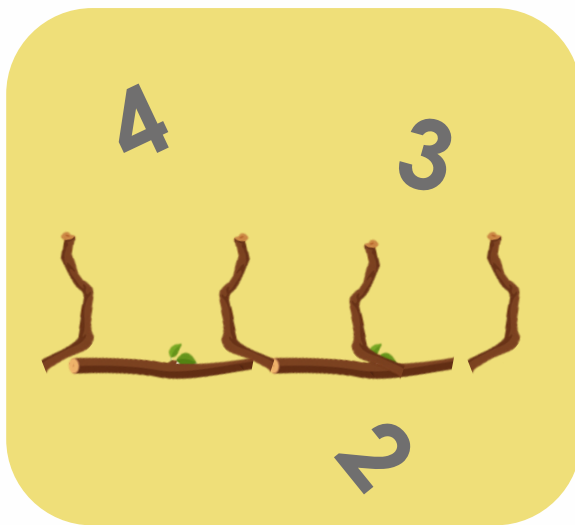
Water

Display a number line near the water area. Encourage children to catch sea creatures, count them and find the matching numeral. Is it a large number? How can you find it on the number line?

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Build a number line.



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How many creatures?



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