



# Activity Idea

<b>Activity</b>	Fingers – grow, show, throw!
<b>Main Focus</b>	Subitising

<b>Resources</b>	➤ Numerals – large wooden, plastic or cards
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<b>Activity Outline</b>	<p>The aim of the activity is for children to be able to instantly show a number of fingers <i>all at once</i>.</p> <p>Ask children to show you three fingers. Then show children how to <i>grow</i> three fingers, one at a time. Practise this until they are confident.</p> <p>Another time, ask them to <i>grow</i> fingers, then <i>show</i> three fingers all at once. Practise this.</p> <p>When they are confident, ask them to make a fist and then <i>throw</i> three fingers, by shooting them all out at once: Get ready to throw three fingers: make a fist, are you ready? Throw three!</p> <p>Repeat with other numbers.</p> <p>Hold up numerals for children to grow, show and then throw numbers of fingers.</p>
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<b>Extension Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Challenge children to find different ways of showing different ways of showing three fingers.</li> <li>✓ Composition of numbers: Can they show three on two hands? In pairs, can they show three together?</li> <li>✓ Bunny ears: Show three fingers as bunny ears on the top of your head- can you do this without looking at your fingers first?</li> </ul>
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