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Activity	Composition
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Ideas for babies and toddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model composition: Using gesture wherever possible. For example, you had <i>two</i> pieces of banana. You have ate <i>one</i> and now you have <i>one</i> left. I have <i>one</i> ball and you have <i>one</i> ball so we have <i>two</i> balls altogether. • Sing lots of counting songs and rhymes: (See development zone resources for example songs and rhymes). • Use props to support songs and rhymes: draw attention to contrasting differences and changes in numbers, checking together <i>How many now?</i> • Use number during care routines: Let's fasten your buttons, <i>1,2,3</i>. • Provide and share books with contain the counting sequence: books containing numbers such as, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', by Eric Carle. (See development zone resources for book recommendations). Alternatively create your own counting books. • Treasure baskets: with small groups of the same items progressing to baskets of varying items to compare. • Collections of manipulatives: to sort and arrange in different ways. • Boxes, baskets, bags: or something physical to separate items into smaller group, for example cross stitching rings or empty photo frames.
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