



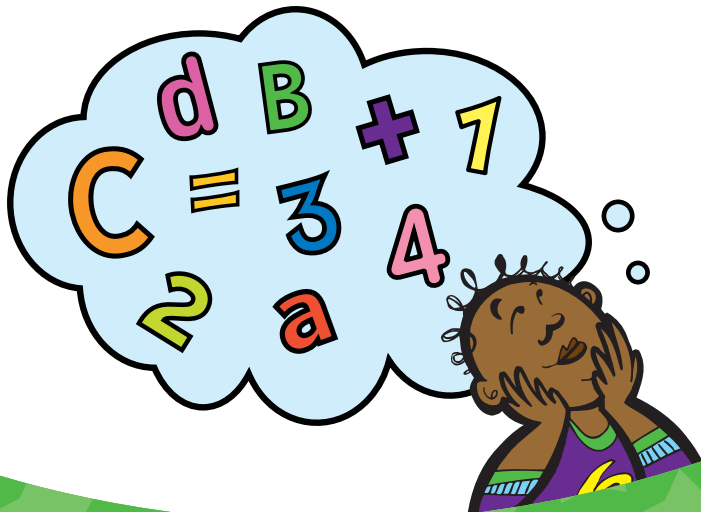
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### Try these at home!

- **Shopping can be fun:** When you are in the grocery store, ask your child to help you find things based on a color or a food group. This works well in the fruits and vegetables aisle.
- **Make your walk go faster:** When walking down the street, choose a color and help your child to count how many items like cars, houses or other objects of that color you see.
- **Make clean-up fun** by putting out containers for each type of toy and play a game to see who can finish first. Put all the trucks in one bucket, all the blocks in another, all the people in another. Watch your child learn to sort and their room will get clean in a hurry!
- Keep some magnetic letters, numbers, or shapes on the fridge. While you're cooking a meal, have your child arrange them by color or other category.



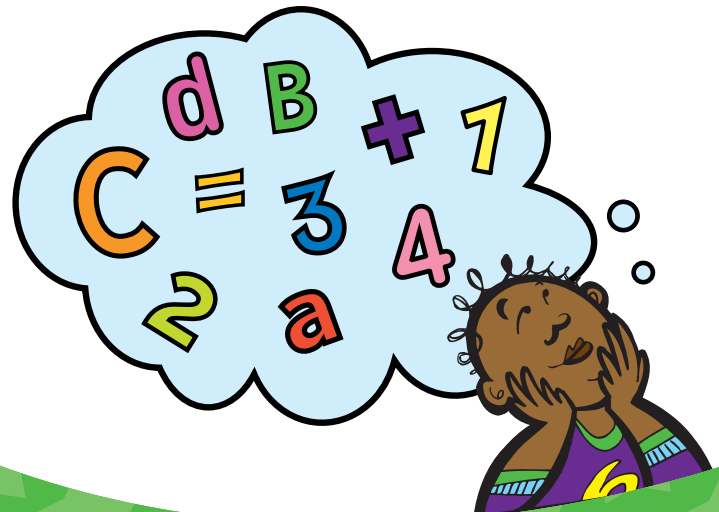
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- **"That's okay, let's count again. 1, 2, 3..."** It's okay to practice over and over!
- **"What color is this? Great, let's put it with the other (blue) objects!"** Children will soon begin to notice things that are the same and different and how to sort them based on color, shape or size.

## Read All About It:

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*Curious George Visits the Library* by H. A. Rey, Margret Rey,  
*Curious George's First Day of School* by H. A. Rey  
*Curious George What Do You See?* by H. A. Rey  
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