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A quiet, goodnight countdown book. A father is putting his little one down for the night. They count things in her room, beginning with her ten little toes.

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Related Books: *How Many?* by Christopher Danielson; *Ten Minutes Till Bedtime* by Peggy Rathmann



Ten, Nine, Eight

What happened to the missing shoe?

Math Connections:

Counting.	Cardinality
Classification	Subitizing

Things To Do Together:

- Use *Ten, Nine, Eight* to practice counting objects. Each page has a different number of objects to count. As you read the book, pause on each page and count the objects out loud. For example, on the first page “Ten small toes all washed and warm.” Count the toes out loud, while pointing to each toe.
- Include counting in your daily routine from the time your baby is small. Count *everything!* It is more effective to point and/or touch objects as you count them. Encourage your child to point and touch as well.
- On the page with “Seven empty shoes in a short straight row” ask your child either what is missing or where is the other shoe. Keep an eye out for that shoe! It shows up a few pages later.
- Ask your child to sort a group of shoes into pairs. Line up the pairs of shoes with your child and practice skip counting by twos: two, four, six... Skip counting is an important concept which will support your child’s understanding of multiplication.

Extension Questions:

1. What are some things in the room you could count? How many are there?
2. Did you notice the numbers were counted backwards? Where else might you use or hear a countdown?
3. On the page showing seven shoes, what do you think is missing? How do you know? See if you can spot the missing object by the end of the book.

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:

around, eight, empty, five, four, nine, one, round, row, seven, short, six, square, straight, ten, three, two

Early Math Project Resources:

[It Counts!](#) (English)

Online Resources:

[Math at Home resources for toddlers/preschoolers](#)

