## Magpie Counts

What are you trying to do?

- Practise counting aloud by $2 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{~s}$ and 10 s
- Identify a missing term in a number pattern

What do you need?

- A partner

- Copies of the Magpie Counts cards (Set 1,2 and 3), cut up in separate sets, shuffled
- Workbooks to record the counting patterns (optional)
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What do you do?

- Turn over a card and read the counting pattern together. Discuss what you know and what you don't know.

Where are the missing terms? What do the dots mean?
What strategies will help you work these out?
Are you counting forwards or backwards?

- Once you have worked out the pattern together, continue your pattern for another 5 counts.
- Record your pattern in your workbook (optional)


## Variation?

- Close your eyes. Say your pattern aloud to your partner. can you repeat it backwards too?
- Discuss where you will find a pattern like this in real life. e.g. counting bags of oranges in a shop, counting money collected for a raffle ticket.


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