

3 little pigs – number composition game

You will need:



- Something green to be a field – eg a cloth or a t-shirt
- Some pebbles
- A pen
- A pot or small box
- An old envelope
- Scissors and tape

Start by making your pig sty.

I used a yogurt pot and wrapped it in brown paper and then cut out a door



Now make your pigs by drawing eyes, ears and a nose and a little curly tail.



Now we are ready to play.

The idea of this game is to help your child understand the different ways of making '3'

Put all 3 pigs in the field



Check that your child knows how many pigs are in the field.

Ask them to close their eyes and then move either 1, 2 or all 3 pigs into the sty



When they open their eyes ask them to listen carefully to the question?

“How many pigs are in the **sty**?”

If they are able to tell you, it shows that they have some understanding that '3' is made up from '2 and 1 more'

If your child is enjoying the game and you want to make it more challenging you could do it with 4 pigs but it is most important that they have practise at telling you how they know the answer.

If they *do not* know the answer, look together and then tell them “I know there must be 1 in the sty, because there are 2 in the field and 2 and 1 make 3”

When children can talk about what they understand this is called **Number Sense**