

Numerals cards 20 to 30

These cards show the numerals 20 to 30. They help children see each number's shape and match it to the counting words, so they notice the pattern of the counting system past 20 instead of relying on 'twenty-ten' or 'twenty-eleven' errors.

How to use

- Carpet time: lay the cards 20 to 30 in order on the floor. Point to each one and count on together, saying each number clearly as you touch it.
- Muddle the cards 20 to 29 and ask children to put them back in order, checking that the ones pattern repeats before 30 appears.
- Hide one card from a run (for example 20, 21, __, 23, 24) and ask 'what comes next?' to find the missing number.
- Peg the cards along a washing line in continuous provision for children to walk past and read aloud during the day.
- Use the cards with a feely bag: a child pulls out a card, reads the numeral aloud, then finds the matching spot on the floor number line.
- In small world or role play, use the cards as 'tickets' or 'door numbers' so children meet the numerals 20 to 30 in a practical, play-based context.
- Adult-led: show numeral 29, ask what comes after it, then reveal numeral 30 to highlight how the tens word changes.
- Pair the cards with a number square to 30 so children can check where each card belongs and talk about the pattern of rows and columns.

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