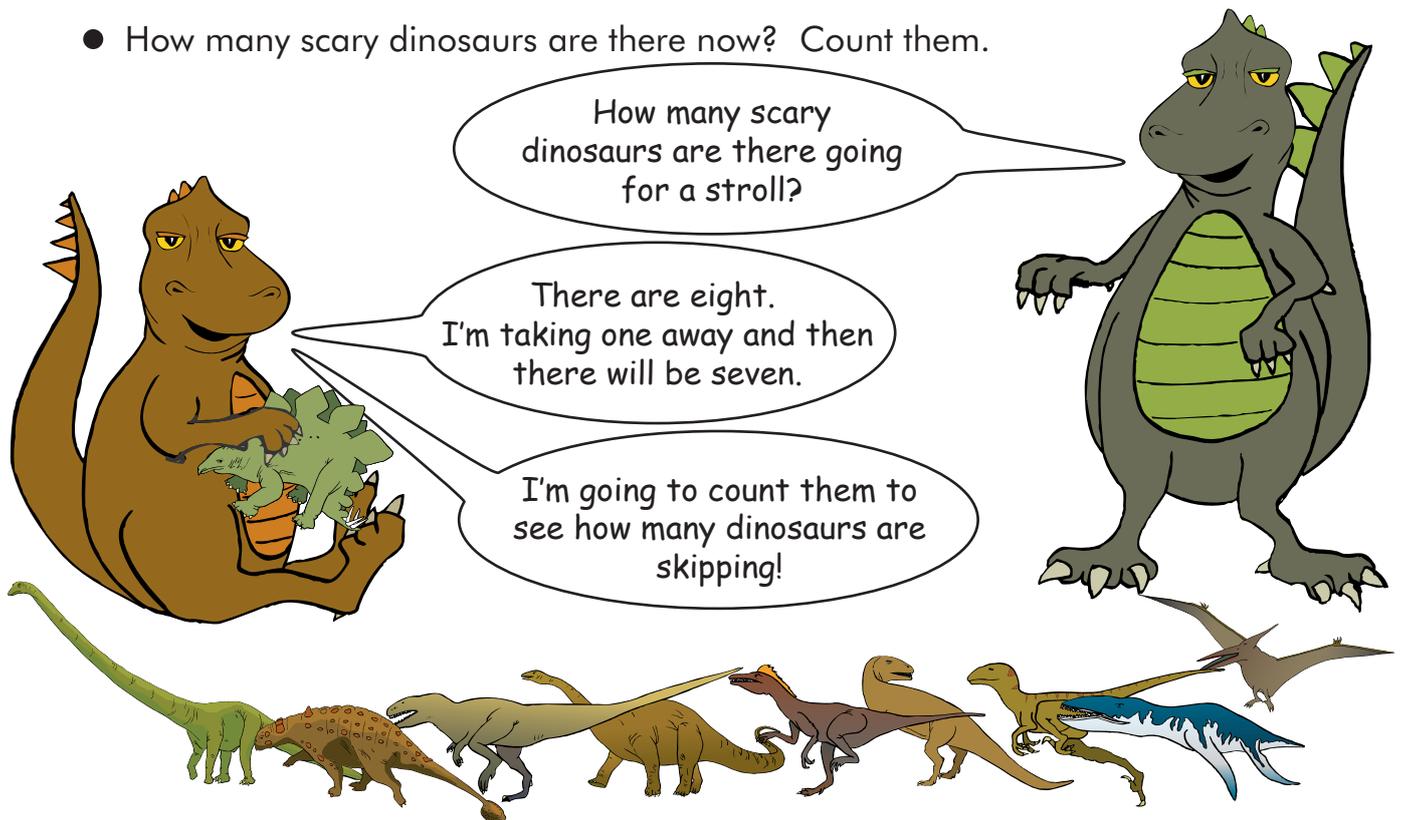


# Ten dinosaurs on a trip

**You will need:** Ten toy dinosaurs or counters

**What to do:** ● Read the poem, 'Ten Dinosaurs on a Trip', through together.

- Place 10 toy dinosaurs/counters on the table. How many dinosaurs are there going for a stroll? Count them.
- Read the poem again. This time take a toy dinosaur/counter off the table at the end of each verse.
- How many scary dinosaurs are there now? Count them.



This activity helps your child to count back from 10 and to find one less than a number from one to 10. It also encourages them to listen and respond to poems. As you are reading the poem encourage your child to listen to the rhyme at the end of each pair of lines (couplet). Stop after some verses and ask questions: 'How many dinosaurs are out on a spree?' 'How many are trying to get home?' Ask your child to count the number of dinosaurs on the table.

## Foundation Curriculum areas covered:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication, Language and Literacy; and Mathematical Development.



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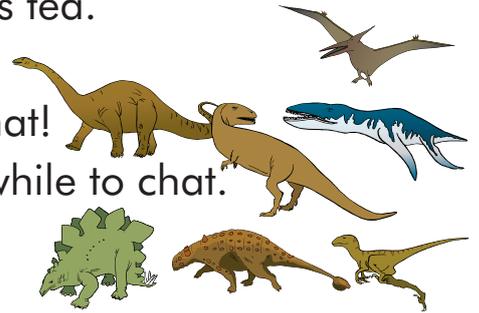
Ten talking dinosaurs went for a stroll,  
Whilst they were chatting, one fell down a hole!



Nine quiet dinosaurs a-wishing to roam,  
One of them had hurt his foot, and had to go home.

Eight steady dinosaurs, out on a spree,  
One of them was hungry, and went for his tea.

Seven laughing dinosaurs, just imagine that!  
One of them met a friend, and stayed a while to chat.



Six naughty dinosaurs skipping along,  
One of them got happy and paused to sing a song!

Five skinny dinosaurs, exercised and trim,  
One of them had found a stream, and stopped to have a swim.

Four fearful dinosaurs, now it's getting dark,  
One of them was feeling tired and rested in the park.



Three trotting dinosaurs went up the hill so steep,  
One of them could not keep up, and settled down to sleep.

Two weary dinosaurs, trying to get home,  
One of them had found his house. The last went on alone.

One lonely dinosaur came walking up the track,  
His family were waiting there, all pleased to see him back.

