

Alien maths: One more, one less

Dear Parents,

One of the big skills children must learn early on in their school lives is not just how to count, but how numbers relate to one another. Children should have an understanding of what comes before and what comes after numbers. This task will hopefully help children to identify one more and one less than given numbers.

We hope it is useful. As usual, your script is below.

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Can you count for me, starting at the number 0?

NB: If children are stuck say "Let's count together. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Well done!"

Fantastic! Well done!

Today, I would like you to use the alien number line to help you to answer these tricky one more and one less questions.

Here is one to show you how to do it.

What is one more and one less than 2?

To do this, I will put my finger on the alien with the number 2 on it (don't worry, she's quite friendly). To find out what one less is, I will move my finger to the number before it. My answer for what is one less than 2 is 1.

Now I will put my finger back on the 2. To find out what is one more than 2, I will move my finger to the number after 2. My answer for what is one more than 2 is 3.



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Now it is your turn. Remember, you can use the aliens to help you!

What is one less than 4?

What is one more than 4?

What is one more than 7?

What is one less than 7?

What is one more than 1?

What is one less than 1?

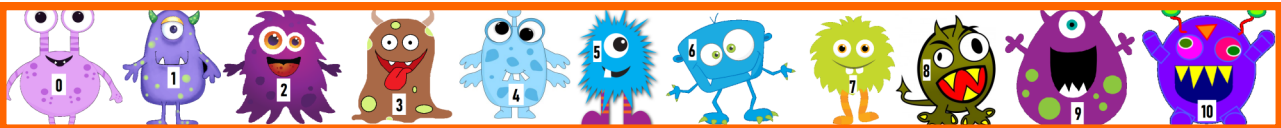
What is 1 more than 5?

What is 1 less than 5?

What is 1 more than 9?

What is 1 less than 9?

Well done!



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We believe that quality education is a human right and should be free for all, no matter who you are or where you come from.

If you do feel that you would like to say thank you by buying us a 'coffee' then that would still be very much appreciated.

We will use any coffee money raised to improve the reach of our services to ensure that all children receive the creative education they deserve. We may also treat ourselves to a flat white!