

Reveal the Hidden Math

Math is everywhere! Here are some ways to find it.



Development and Research in
Early Mathematics Education

Notice the Math

In your daily conversations when you see or talk about:

- Adding and subtracting
- Measuring
- Numbers and counting
- Patterns
- Shapes, space, and location

Talk About the Math

Talking about math helps build children's math vocabulary, which helps develop their mathematical thinking.

Model and Praise Problem-Solving

- Talk out loud to show how you solve a math problem. "There's one for you, one for me, and one for Ashley, so that's three!"
- Focus on your children's problem-solving instead of whether they are right or wrong.
- Offer specific praise for your children's effort. "You're really figuring that out!"

Ask Questions

To encourage deeper thinking, ask:

- "How can we figure it out?"
- "What's another way we can try?"
- "What do you notice?"
- "What's the same?"
- "What's different?"
- "How do you know?"
- "Tell me what you're thinking!"

