

Year 1 Number Formation: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to number formation can help you support your child's learning at home. The subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring number formation together. Whether your child is building up confidence with number formation, or they are secure in their learning and want further practice, you will find a step that matches where your child is at then have ideas for where to go next.

Within this area of the website, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

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Number Formation

What Does the Term 'Number Formation' Mean?

In mathematics, number formation simply means the ability to write numbers.

In year 1, children will continue to build on their number work from reception and at this stage are required to recognise, read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals (and words).

As well as using the resources in this category and the keyword searches to help your child learn about number formation, below are a few ideas for games and activities to help your child practise and become more familiar with writing numbers at home.

Number Formation Workbook

Use **this resource** to encourage your child to practise writing the numbers 0 – 9. Use the activities to help your child to write each numeral correctly then write how many objects they see in the pictures below.

What Number Am I?

In pairs, take it in turns to stand with your back to your partner. The other player traces a number using their finger on the first player's back. Can they identify the number? Swap over.

Teddy Numbers

Use your child's favourite teddy or soft toy. Gather together some everyday objects, for example pieces of fruit, buttons or coins. Tell your child, 'Teddy wants 3 apples,' and encourage your child to count the objects and give them to the teddy. Then encourage them to write the number that goes with the objects correctly. Repeat using different numbers.

Superhero Missing Numbers

Use Twinkl's fun **Superhero Missing Number 1 to 20 Activity** to encourage your child to count to 20 and write out the missing numbers on the sheet.



Step 1

Writing Numbers 0 - 10

Encourage your child to write the numbers 0 – 10 correctly with a range of engaging resources on our **Parents' Hub**. Try forming numbers with playdough using our playdough mats or use interlocking cubes and peg boards. Alternatively, encourage your child to trace the numbers on our worksheets to practise their number writing skills.



Writing Numbers 10 - 20

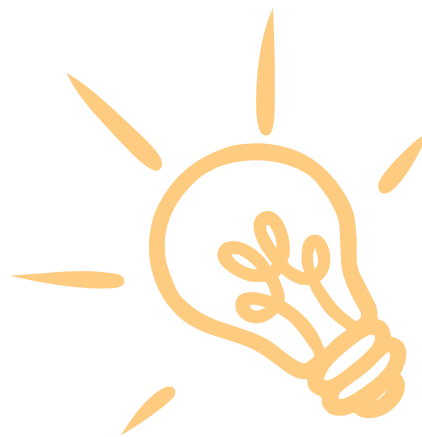
Move on to double-digit numbers with our activity sheets which show your child where to place their pencil when they start writing their numbers, along with dots to show what direction to move in. They can then count the objects below and write the correct number beside them.

Step 2

Step 3

Encourage your child to write the missing numbers on our themed activity sheets – a great way to reinforce number recognition as well as to encourage your child to practise writing numbers.

Missing Numbers



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