

Numeracy K Nov 30

Activity 1: Counting to 13

Materials Needed:

- 13 round objects; the book 13 Moons in hə́ŋqəmińə́m or [this video](#).

Task Instructions:



Read the book or watch the video and count along with hə́ŋqəmińə́m instructor Fern Gabriel.

Thirteen moons counted, for the thirteen moons of the year. Count out round objects to represent the full moons.

What other languages can you count to 13 in? Can you find any similarities (look at the names here for 10, 11, 12 and 13...are those easier to learn than English)?

The numbers spoken here use the suffix -əs to show that they are counting round objects. Take note of the numbers listed below to see the -əs suffix at the end of every number.

1. nə́cəs
2. yəsaləs
3. tix^wəs
4. xəθinəs
5. t́qacəs
6. t́xəməs
7. t^θaɔk^wəs
8. tqeɕeɔs ~ tqecəs
9. tu:x^wəs
10. ɔəpanəs
11. ɔəpanəs ɔi? k^w nə́cəs
12. ɔəpanəs ɔi? k^w yəsaləs
13. ɔəpanəs ɔi? k^w tix^wəs

Parent tips:

hə́ŋqəmińə́m is the Coast Salish language spoken by the down-river First Nations, including the Tsleil Waututh and Musqueam nations whose traditional shared territory (along with the Squamish Nation) comprises Burnaby. Learn more about it [here](#) thanks to Langley School District. Learn about the 13 Moons of Coast Salish seasons [here](#).