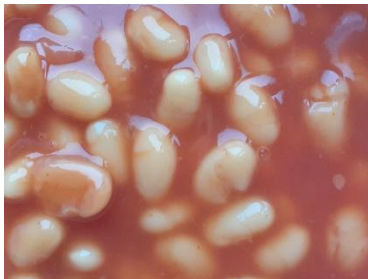




## Five things to do with under twos: developing early maths

Count everyday objects as you come across them – one boot, two boots.... One, two three, four pieces of toast..



Point out when there are 'lots' of something – building bricks, baked beans, flowers on a plant, bubbles in the bath. Talk about 'more' ... 'put one more brick on the tower'.... 'there are more bricks in this pile' .... 'would you like more apple?'....

Sing songs that can start with three or five items (Ducks went swimming one day, Naughty monkeys jumping on the bed, Roll over, roll over) and get one less each time. Use your fingers to show the number as it reduces and help your child when he/she wants to do the same.

Play with different containers in a bowl of water or the bath and use the words 'full' and 'empty'.

Practice sorting items into different groups containing the same thing ... different items of clothing as the washing is folded, different colours of bricks....

