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## How many are there? speaking games

## Game 1

Ask your partner "How many... are there...?" questions about their own house, bag, family, town, etc, like those in the table on the next page. You get one point for each time that they answer "I don't know". Each question must be about a different thing and a different place. If there is no such place, e.g. because your partner doesn't have a brother, you don't get any points. If they know the answer, they should say it in a full sentence (e.g. "There are three cafés in the airport"), and you don't score a point for your question.

## Game 2

Change partners. Think of a "How many... are there...?" question that you can guess the answer of. Secretly write that number down on some scrap paper, without anyone seeing. Ask the question. If that person says the number that you wrote, you get that many points. For example, you get 100 points if you write "100" and they said "There are 100 books in my bedroom" when you asked them "How many books are there in your bedroom?". If they answer with a different number or they say "I don't know", you get no points.

## Game 3

Ask personal "How many... are there...?" questions to find things in common with your partner, e.g. that there are many trees near both of your houses. If their number is the same as your number, you score one point. You must use full sentences when you answer the questions.

## Game 4

Ask personal "How many... are there...?" questions to find things that are more for you than for your partner. If your number is higher than their number, you score one point. You must use full sentences when you answer the questions.

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## Suggested "How many are there?" questions

Some questions don't need the words that are not in bold ("that" etc)

| How many | ... | are there | in <br> on <br> under <br> next to <br> near <br> in front <br> of <br> behind | that the the nearest this this building's this room's this school's your your aunt's your brother's your coach's your cousin's your dad's your daughter's your dentist's your doctor's your grandfather's your grandmother's your house's your mum's your music teacher's your school teacher's your sister's your son's your sports teacher's your uncle's | airport <br> bag <br> bathroom <br> bedroom <br> body <br> bookshelves <br> box <br> Britain <br> building <br> car <br> China <br> city/ town <br> classroom <br> country <br> cupboard/ closet/ <br> wardrobe <br> dining room <br> downstairs <br> floor/ carpet <br> fridge/ refrigerator <br> garden <br> gym <br> hall/ corridor <br> home/ house <br> Japan <br> kitchen <br> library <br> locker <br> noticeboard <br> pocket(s) <br> roof <br> school <br> school classroom <br> South Korea <br> street/ road <br> Taiwan <br> Thailand <br> The United States <br> wall <br> wallet/ purse <br> whiteboard <br> zoo |  |
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