

Mathematical moments with toddlers

Number: beginning to compare



Toby (22 months) is investigating a drawstring bag full of differently sized and coloured pom-poms. He takes a handful out of the bag and throws them onto the small rug on which he is squatting. Clearly delighted at this, he puts his hand back in the bag and draws out another handful. He stands up and throws the pom-poms down and most of them land on the rug. He continues doing this until there are no pom-poms left in the bag. He stands up straight, smiles broadly and seeks eye-contact with his key person, 'Lots!' he declares.

