

How we count

The One-One Principle



I can count each object only once and say one number name for each object.

The Stable Order Principle



When I count, I say the numbers in order. This order always stays the same.

The Cardinal Principle



When I count the objects in a group, the last number I say tells me the total for the group.

The Abstraction Principle



I can count anything. Even things that cannot be touched or seen.

The Order-Irrelevance Principle



It doesn't matter which order I count a group of objects in, the total will be the same.