

# 1 2 3

This delightful board book *1 2 3* has been designed to introduce very young children to numbers. Each bright, friendly picture has a familiar object to point to, name and talk about and will entertain babies and toddlers, as well as adults.

Book published by Usborne Books      Pages: 10

Ages: 9 months and up

Themes: Develop interest in being read to; develop awareness of numbers; object identification

For a book with few words on each page, there are lots of things you can do with your child as you're reading.

When you read 'one duck' or 'two penguins', point to where the duck or penguins are so that your child can see and understand what a duck or penguin is. If your child is very young, they may not have seen a duck or penguin before. We don't want to take for granted that they know what these objects are plus it gives you an opportunity to strike up a conversation. 'Do you remember the ducks that we saw on grandpa's farm?' or 'The penguins are the same color as your new tennis shoes'. Let them respond and add to the conversation. You should never be in a hurry when reading a good book.

Have your child help to turn the pages. These board books are designed for little fingers to develop fine motor skills (the ability to turn one page at a time). By helping to turn pages, your child is learning that the story has a beginning and an end. These may seem like simple things, but mastering these simple tasks is a part of the learning process.

You may have noticed that most of the pictures in the book can be made by pressing a paint-covered finger on to a piece of paper. Be creative and give it a try!