

Lesson 1. Introducing numbers 0-10

Step 1: Introducing the numbers

1. Write down the numbers on the board for everyone to see, e.g.: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...10.
2. Say the numbers in sequence or play Buratino sound track (its first part with numbers from 0 up to 10 only).
3. Play the sound track again, this time repeating the numbers in sequence after the speaker. Use pause to give students more time to repeat new numbers if needed.
4. Using number cards: hold up a card as you are saying numbers aloud for students to repeat. First you can show cards in sequence, then in a reverse order and, finally, in out of sequence order.

Step 2: "Comprehension bridge"

1. Before asking students to produce numbers on their own, hold up a number card and ask "He TAHI, he RUA rānei?" (Is it TAHI or RUA?), "He WARU, he WHA rānei?" (Is it WARU or WHA?)... etc.

Step 3: Listening comprehension

1. Pass cards out among students (use multiple sets so each student gets two or three cards); when you say a number, student with the card holds it up, then surrenders it to another student.

Step 4: Writing and counting activities

1. Distribute worksheets with written numbers for students to practice writing Māori numbers from 0 to 10 only.
2. Do exercise 1 in the worksheets and counting items exercises.

Step 5: Speaking practice

1. Show a card with a random number and ask students to say a number on the card.
2. The same activity can be done as pair work or small group work: pass cards out among students; a student holds up his/her card and points to another student who must say the number. If the student gets it right, he/she gets the card. The object is to collect as many cards as possible.
3. Hide a number card behind your back and ask students to guess what number you've got by asking questions like "He TORU?" until someone has guessed it.
4. Do sums with numbers. Ask students how much will be ONE plus TWO, and so on: "He aha te kauta mo TAHI me RUA?"
5. Have students give their phone numbers in Māori: "He aha tou nama wāea?" (What is your phone number?)

Step 6: Reading activities

1. Play Buratino matching games with number cards.
2. Do exercise 5 in the worksheets.