

## What I Counted on my Way to School



As I walked joyfully through my blue front door, I counted:

1 brown, lonely, stray dog wandering around, looking for a home

2 stripy bees, buzzing around my garden

3 beautiful lawns with flowers and hedges. A big man walked into one of them with a pair of scissors.

He started to trim the hedges and cut some roses to put in a vase

As I strolled along the wide, wet street, I counted:

4 tall, flashing traffic lights, making me feel dizzy

5 smart houses, all in a row

6 luscious oak trees, ready to climb. "Careful, the acorns might fall on your head!" said Mum.

As I wandered past one old oak tree, I counted:

7 white, shiny eggs in

8 leafy, homely nests

9 hard, brown acorns fallen to the floor, not on my head. I wanted to pick them up but I left them for the squirrels instead.

As I skipped around the corner, I counted:

10 cute cats, rolling in the mud

11 busy people, rushing to the shops

12 beeping red cars, driving through the traffic. The people were getting so mad, shouting "SHUSH!"

As I hopped across the lush, green grass, I counted:

13 big, black beetles, crawling all round

14 juicy, slimy slugs slithering on the ground

15 greedy, grey squirrels scampering curiously about, searching for nuts. One ran up a tree and disappeared into a hole.

As I ran eagerly through the heavy, iron school gates, I counted:

16 shiny bikes, riding round the playground

17 prams, filled with crying babies

18 blue school bags, over-flowing with books. My friend turned around and oops, they spilled all over the ground.

As I lined up on the playground with my friends, I counted:

19 children standing smartly in a row

20 hugging parents, smiling and saying goodbye

21 teachers, waiting for their classes. "Come on in, in a nice quiet, straight line!" they said. And off we went.