



Introduction to Ten Town

Children are often very good at counting to ten and beyond. But it doesn't always follow that they can write the numbers correctly and that they know the real value of the numbers. Ten Town helps develop these basic numeracy skills, with a particular emphasis on number recognition and formation.

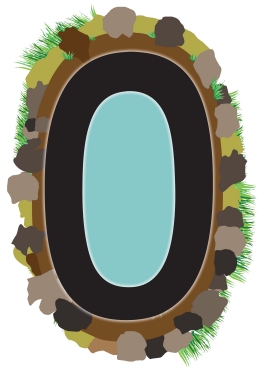
King One is in charge of Ten Town, and all the other characters have a reason why they face towards King One or away from him.

For example, once children know that Sir Seven bows down towards King One, this helps them to write the number seven the correct way around.

Each character always does things that relate to their number. So, Freddie Four takes four maps on an expedition, Fiona Five has five favourite sports and Seal Six eats six fish for his tea! This helps to reinforce the value of each number.

Zero Pond

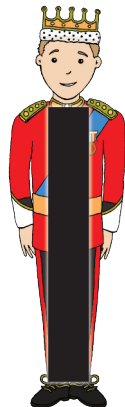
Nothing can live in the Zero Pond because it's far too dirty.



Start at the top,
Nice and slow,
All the way round and
there you go!

King One

He is in charge of Ten Town and stands up straight and tall.



From top to toe,
And there you go!

Tommy Two

King One can't tie his laces so Tommy Two helps him.



Hands round to knees,
Then straight across please!

Thelma Three

She doesn't always make the right choice. She takes 3 jam tarts without asking.



Over one hand,
Over the next,
Stop and think,
Which choice is best?

Freddie Four

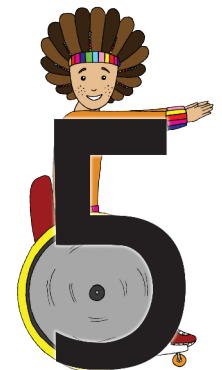
King One sends him off to explore other countries.



Down, across,
Oar in the water!

Fiona Five

She takes King One training. She is faster than him.



Down her back,
Round you go,
Arms out straight,
Don't be slow!





Seal Six

He splashes King One
six times with his tail.



Slide down his tail,
Curl under his nose,
Nearly there
So strike a pose!

Sir Seven

He bows down seven
times towards King One.



Across his back,
Then down to his feet,
Take your time and
keep it neat!

Eric Eight

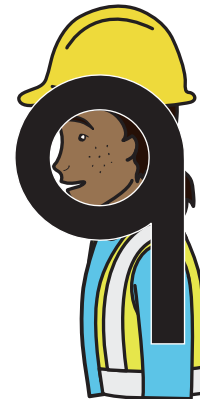
He looks down the
mountain to see who
is visiting him.



All the way round,
Don't you stop,
Not until you're
back to the top!

Nina Nine

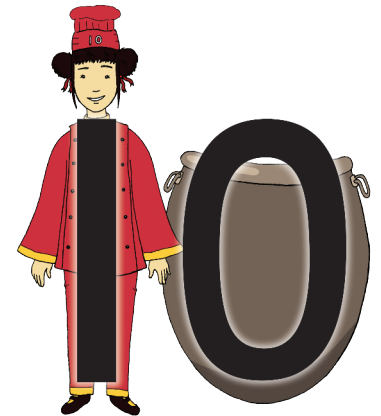
Nina Nine shows King
One the plans for a new
recycling centre.



Round her head and
back to the start,
Down her back,
She's so smart!

Tia Ten

She is a chef who shows
everybody her fingers
are clean before cooking.



Draw a one,
Then a zero,
Tia Ten is
everyone's hero!