

COUNTING USING TALLIES

There are times in your life when you need to take inventory and count items. Now, you can take a sheet of paper and keep updating the number you have counted. But, there is an age old way of doing this that you may or may not have seen people use. It is the process of using tallies.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- Stand on a street corner, or similar place, maybe you can do this from the comfort of your own home. Now you are going to count the vehicles that go by.
- Make four sections on a sheet of paper. One for red cars, one for white cars, one for blue cars, and one for trucks.
- Use the tally system to see which has the highest number. First group to reach twenty wins.
- Do three times at different times of the day or week and see if your results are similar each time.

1. Every time you see an item you are counting, you draw a vertical line, like a number 1.

2. Keep doing this until you have counted 4 and have four vertical tallies, or number ones, next to each other on your sheet of paper.

3. For the fifth item you will count, you will put a strike through the four tallies, then you know there is a batch of fives on the page.

This makes counting very easy, because the eye can easily differentiate between one tally, two tallies, three tallies and even four tallies, and has no problem at all seeing the four with a strike through them. But if you had seven tallies, or fifteen tallies you would have to make a physical, time-consuming count at the end.



At the end of counting, count up all the complete set of tallies you have: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, so on until you've counted all the groups of five. Then add the remainder.