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Concept Books

Toddler/Preschool / March 2010

Baker, Keith. **LMNO Peas.** (2010)

Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

Bang, Molly. **Ten, Nine, Eight.** (1983) *Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed.*

Bernhard, Durga. **Earth, Sky, Wet, Dry.** (2000) *Describes a variety of animals and plants grouping them in such contrasting categories as Spring and Fall, inside and outside, and big and small.*

Boutignon, B  atrice. **Not All Animals are Blue: A Big Book of Little Differences.** (2009)

Pictures help children spot differences in colors, movement, attitude and even discoveries.

Bradley, MaryChris. **Knock! Knock!** (2009) *Each door is a different color and each door hides a surprise.*

Bunting, Eve. **Girls A to Z.** (2002) *Girls with names ranging from Alike to Zoe imagine themselves in various fun and creative professions.*

Cabrera, Jane. **One, Two, Buckle My Shoe.** (2009) *Four chicks have fun hiding while Rabbit and Mommy Hen prepare a party for the little pigs' birthday.*

Carle, Eric. **Hello, Red Fox.** (1998) *The illustrations are designed to demonstrate the concept of complementary colors*

Cousins, Lucy. **Maisy Big, Maisy Small.** (2007) *Maisy the mouse demonstrates pairs of opposites, including thick and thin, tall and short, young and old, and wiggly and straight.*

Cottin, Menena. **The Black Book of Colors.** (2008) *This title invites readers to imagine living without sight through remarkable illustrations done with raised lines and descriptions of colors.*

Coward, Fiona. **Swing High, Swing Low: A Book of Opposites.** (2005) *A mother and two children encounter an abundance of contrasts, such as playing and working, laughing and crying, and waking and sleeping.*

Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a Fly.** (2007) *A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.*

Davis, Nancy. **A Garden of Opposites.** (2009) *Opposites abound in a colorful garden, including a closed bud, an open blossom, a short caterpillar, and a long snake.*

Demarest, Chris L. **A Traveling Alphabet.** (2008)

Dobbins, Jan. **Driving My Tractor.** (2009) *The reader is invited to count the animal passengers riding in a tractor traveling on a bumpy road.*

Elliott, David. **One Little Chicken.** (2007) *Watch the little chicken's dance, while counting to ten by chance.*

Falwell, Cathryn. **Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond.** (2001) *Startled by the activities of other nearby creatures, the number of turtles on a log in a pond decreases from ten to one.*

Formeto, Allison. **This Tree Counts** (2010) *Before they begin planting new trees, Mr. Tate tells his students to listen closely as the lone tree behind their school counts out ten ways it serves the needs of different animals.*

Freymann, Saxton. **Food For Thought: The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds.** (2005) *Introduces the five major concepts via playful sculpture.*

Halliday, Ayun. **Always Lots of Heinies at the Zoo.** (2009) *A behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo, revealing many sizes, shapes, and colors of animal bottoms.*

Henkes, Kevin. **Birds.** (2009) *Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.*



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Hoban, Tana. **Exactly The Opposites.** (1990)
Photographs of familiar outdoor scenes illustrate pairs of opposites.

Hobbie, Holly. **Toot & Puddle: Puddle's ABC.**
(2000) *Puddle teaches his friend Otto the letters of the alphabet so that Otto can write his name*

Hughes, Shirley. **Olly and Me 123.** (2009)
Learning numbers is a breeze.

Levin, Bridget. **Rules of the Wild: An Unruly Book of Manners.** (2004) *Rhyming text explores how proper behavior for young animals is different from what is expected of young children.*

London, Jonathan. **Do Your ABC's, Little Brown Bear.** (2005) *As they spend a day playing together near their home, Little Brown Bear goes through his ABCs for Papa Brown Bear.*

London, Jonathan. **A Truck Goes Rattley-Bumpa.** (2005) *Describes trucks of all sizes, shapes and colors doing a variety of tasks.*

MacDonald, Suse. **Fish, Swish! Splash, Dash! : Counting Round and Round.** (2007) *The reader is asked to find numbers that are transformed into animal shapes and hidden in the illustrations*

MacDonald, Suse. **Shape by Shape** (2009) *Turn the die-cut pages to discover colorful shapes, which come together to reveal a creature from long ago.*

McGInty, Alice B. **Thank you, World.** (2007)
Eight children from eight different countries express their thanks for many special things.

McGrath, Barbara Barbieri. **Teddy Bear Counting.** (2010) *Teddy bears introduce numbers from to twelve, as well as colors and shapes.*

Most, Bernard. **ABC T-Rex.** (2000)
A young T-Rex loves his ABCs so much that he eats them up, experiencing on each letter a word that begins with that letter.

Otoshi, Kathryn. **One.** (2008) *A number/color book reminding us that it just takes only one to make everyone count.*

Peters, Lisa Westberg. **Frankie Works the Night Shift.** (2010) *In this counting book, Frankie the cat's night prowling causes a ruckus, waking sleeping neighbors who do not share Frankie's love of the "night shift."*

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Black? White! Day? Night!** (2006) *Through a series of ingenious die-cut pages, the reader discovers things are opposite of what they seem.*

Sidman, Joyce. **Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors.** (2009) *Nature displays different colors to announce the seasons of the year.*

Sierra, Judy. **Sleepy Little Alphabet: A Bedtime Story From Alphabet Town.** (2009) *Sleepy letters get ready for bed.*

Snyder, Betsy. **Sweet Dreams Lullaby.** (2010) *A young bunny goes to sleep and dreams of soothing colors, shapes and sounds of nature*

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. **Planting Seeds.** (2010) *Increasing numbers of rabbits plant, tend, harvest and eat produce from their garden.*

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Mouse Shapes.** (2007) *Three mice make a variety of things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat.*

Warnes, Tim. **Daddy Hug** (2008) *Animal Fathers give hugs that come in all shapes and sizes, and each one is filled with love*

Williams, Arlene. **Tiny Tortilla.** (2005) *Juan Carlos discovers that, with the right touch, he can transform some special tortilla dough into unexpected shapes*

Zieffert, Harriet. **ABC Dentist.** (2008)
Informative text and lively collage illustrations make this the perfect book to calm any child's fears about the dentist.

Ziefert, Harriet. **Posey Paints a Princess.** (2008)
Posey and her friend paint pictures, learning how to mix colors into all the colors of the rainbow

Ziefert, Harriet. **You and Me: We're Opposites.** (2009) *Simple text reveals differences between zoo animals, from their behavior to their coloring.*