

Burly the Squirrel™

The Counting Game—Book 3



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A Note to Parents: How to Use Burly the Squirrel™

Burly the Squirrel™ was designed to be read together. Each counting page follows the same structure throughout all five books. The headline stays the same; only the number on the acorn changes.

As you read, simply read the headline in your own words. Then guide your child with two clear steps. First say, "Let's count up the left side of the path and collect the acorn." Allow your child to point and count each number as they move up the path. Then say, "Now let's count backwards down the right side and put it in Burly's basket." That steady pattern is the rhythm of the book.

Because the structure remains consistent from page to page and book to book, children know what to expect and can focus fully on the counting. Counting up builds number order and sequence. Counting back down reinforces those same numbers and strengthens confidence moving in both directions. Over time, this repetition supports memory and comfort with numbers.

Across the five-book series, the numbers increase gradually while the format stays the same. The seasons change from spring through the first snow of winter, but the counting pattern remains steady and familiar.

There's no pressure to rush. If your child hesitates, count together. If they're confident, let them lead. The goal is shared time and participation - not perfection. Burly is simply the reason to count. You and your child provide the experience.

**Hello again, my friends!
It's me, Burly the Squirrel, and
I'm so happy you came back!**



**Can you believe it? We've made
it all the way to Book Three - our
third adventure together!**

Do you know what season it is? That's right autumn has arrived.

**The air is starting to feel a little cooler now, and the forest is beginning
to glow with soft gold and warm orange colors.**

**The leaves are gently falling along the path as I scamper through the
forest, listening to them crunch beneath my paws.**

**We've already gathered two baskets of acorns - enough to keep me
cozy and full for two whole months of winter.**

**But there are still more acorns to collect, and I want to be ready
before the colder days of late fall and winter arrive.**

I can't stop now-I need your help again.

**Together, let's follow the winding path, search beneath the falling leaves,
and work together to fill another basket with acorns.**

**Every basket we fill helps me feel more prepared for the months ahead,
and every acorn brings me one step closer to being ready.**

If we can find sixteen more acorns, that will be enough for one more month.

We're making great progress - and with your help, I know we can do it!

Come on, my friend...

Let's get started with acorn number 45!

Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 45 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 46 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 47 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.

