

Burly the Squirrel™

The Counting Game- Book 4



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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, Burlly the Squirrel,
and I'm so happy you came back!**



Can you believe it? We've made it all the way to Book Four – our fourth adventure together! Do you know what season it is? That's right – it's still autumn, but winter is coming soon.

The air is cooler now, and the forest trees glow with shimmering gold and oranges.

Leaves tumble down the hills, swirling around my paws as I walk through the winding path.

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

But now the fall winds are blowing stronger, and the days are growing shorter. I still have more acorns to collect before winter arrives.

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

Together, we'll journey up the hills, search beneath the fallen leaves, and try to fill another basket with acorns.

Each basket we fill brings me one step closer to staying safe all winter long. Every single acorn will help me stay warm and full through the cold nights ahead.

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

We're so close – and with your help, I know we can do it!

Come on, my friend...

Let's get started with acorn number 65!

Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 65 — 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 66 — 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 67 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



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