

Burly the Squirrel™

The Counting Game - Book 5



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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!**



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Can you believe it? We've made it all the way to Book Five - our very last adventure together!

Do you know what season it is? That's right - winter is here!

The leaves are gone, and the forest is covered in a soft blanket of snow.

The air is cold and still, and my paws crunch with every step I take.

We've worked so hard together - gathering acorns through the warm summer and the windy fall.

But now the snow has come, and I still have a few more acorns to find before I can rest for the whole winter.

If I don't hurry, the path will freeze over, and I won't be able to reach them!

I can't do it alone - I need your help one last time.

Together, we'll brave the cold, search through the snow, and find every last Acorn.

Each basket we fill will keep me warm and full through the long, frosty nights. Each basket of acorns is enough to feed me for one whole month of winter. That means if we collect 16 acorns; I'll be safe for one month.

We're so close - and with your help, we will be able to finish!

Come on, my friend - let's get started with acorn number 85!

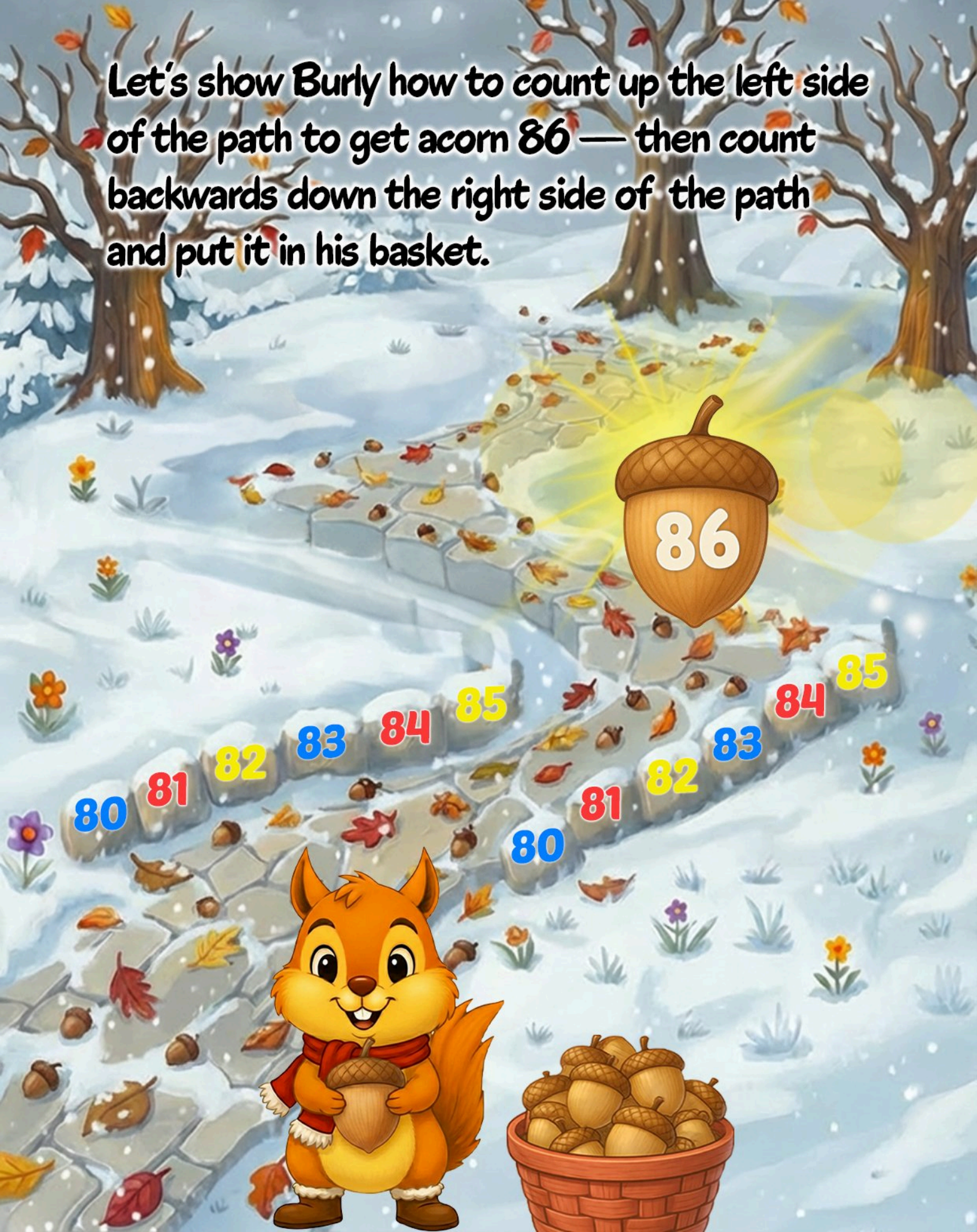
Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 85 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



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Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 86 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



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Let's show Burly how to count up the left side of the path to get acorn 87 — then count backwards down the right side of the path and put it in his basket.



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