Gecko: Count from Either End

COUNT FROM BOTH ENDS

Meet Gecko and Aro by the Great River. Read along and point to the same three pebbles from each end.

1 **BY THE RIVER**
Beside the river, warm and bright,
three little pebbles catch the light.
Gecko crouches by the row.
Aro says, "Let's count them slow."

2 **FROM THE LEFT**
Start on the left and touch just one.
Say "one" aloud; the count's begun.
Then "two," then "three" - now we can see
the pebbles make a group of three.

3 **ONE TOUCH EACH**
One tap per pebble, one by one;
stop when every touch is done.
No pebble rolls or slips away;
they keep their places while we play.

4 **THE OTHER END**
Now start upon the other end.
Begin with "one" again, my friend.
Then "two," then "three" - we count once more.
The same three pebbles as before.

5 **STILL THREE**
Three from the left, three from the right:
the same three pebbles, still in sight.
None joined the row; none went away.
The count stays three both ways today.



Point to each pebble. Count from each end.
Start at one again, my friend.

ARO'S COUNTING THOUGHT

Changing where we start does not change how many. Count each pebble once.

Count. Turn. Count again.
Count along with Gecko.

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