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A mama rabbit and her child are at the grocery store. The little one is trying to get the mama to buy more carrots and fewer of the things he doesn't like to eat. But Mama has a surprise reason for buying worms and peanuts.

Ages: 3 to 6 years

Interest Level:
PreK to 1st Grade

ATOS Reading Level:
2.0

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Genre: Fiction

Classification:
Picture Story Book

Just Enough Carrots

How many carrots is enough?

Topics: comparing amounts, less than, greater than, same

Math Connections: Use *Just Enough Carrots* to reinforce the idea of comparing quantities. Use the vocabulary more than, less than, or the same amount to encourage your child to compare amounts in everyday situations. For example: more apples or more oranges in the grocery store, fewer cars or fewer trucks while playing, more small dogs or big dogs in the park, and the same amount of spoons and forks when setting the table.

While reading the book, you will find many examples of more than, less than, and the same as. Take time to go over each of those examples, encouraging your child to tell you which picture shows greater, less, and the same.

Extension Questions:

1. Why do you think the young bunny wanted more carrots and fewer peanuts? Which would you want more of?
2. How can you tell whether there are more carrots or more cans of worms?
3. When you are at the park: How many benches have more people sitting on them than are sitting on our bench?
4. When you are at a restaurant: How many tables have the same number of people as are sitting at our table?
5. When there are so many items that you can't count them all, what is another way to tell if something has more? For example, if you and a friend are at the beach building sand castles, how can you tell who is using more sand?

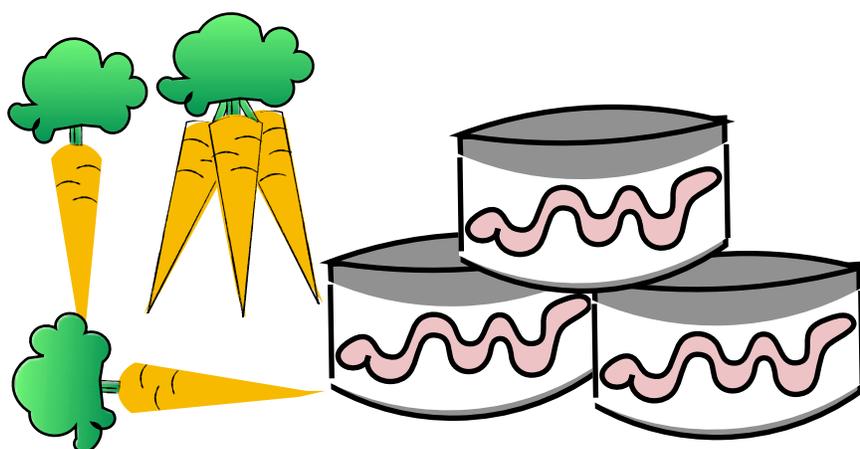
Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts	fewer, more, same, too many
Vocabulary for Extending Math Concepts	comparing, greater, less
Vocabulary for Reading Comprehension	chomp, munch, squirm, squish

Early Math Project Resources:

- [More or Less Carrots? Instructions](#) (English)
- [¿Más o menos zanahorias? instrucciones](#) (Spanish)
- [More or Less Carrots? Cards](#) (English)
- [Tarjetas de más, menos, o la misma cantidad](#) (Spanish)

Online Resources:

The [MathStart website](#) has activities for *Just Enough Carrots*.



Spanish Title:
Suficientes zanahorias

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Alfie the Alligator by
Sandy Turley

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Age Level	Related Preschool Foundations and CA State Standards
Infant/ Toddler	Number Sense The developing understanding of number and quantity. Classification The developing ability to group, sort, categorize, connect, and have expectations of objects and people according to their attributes.
Preschool/ TK	Number Sense 2.1 Compare, by counting or matching, two groups of objects and communicate, “more,” “same as,” or “fewer” (or “less”).
Kindergarten	Counting and Cardinality K.CC.6 Compare numbers.
Grade 1	Number and Operations Base Ten 1.NBT.3 Compare two two-digit numbers based on meanings of the tens and ones digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols $>$, $=$, and $<$.