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A mom and her toddler go to the grocery store and explore the idea of one and two - one roll of paper towels, one box of cereal, two containers of yogurt, and one banana to share as a snack for two.

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# Banana for Two

**Where can you find math in everyday situations?**

**Math Connections:** Use this book to introduce:

- conversations about numbers and amount
- recognizing amounts of one and two
- exploring math in daily life and routines

**Activities to Do Together:**

- Read *Banana for Two* with your child. Point to the objects in the story and emphasize the amounts you see.
- Use sequencing words like now, first, next, then, and done when talking with your child
- Take a walk together and point out what you see. One slide in the park, two children on swings, one blue car, two windows, etc.
- Look for math in everyday situations. Compare objects. How are they the same? How are they different? Notice shapes everywhere. Talk about square windows, signs in the shapes of rectangles, and plates the shape of a circle.
- Look for patterns on clothing, buildings, and in nature
- Look for opportunities to explore amounts of one and two - two socks, one nose, two boxes, one toy.



**“Two Soft Rabbits!”**

### Extension Conversations During Daily Routines:

1. Playtime - talk about toys, for example, “You have one block in each hand. One block in your right hand, one block in your left hand. You have two blocks.”
2. Nap time talk - “One pillow for one sleepy head. Two sleepy bunnies to cuddle, one for each arm.”
3. Bath time - “One foot made a splash. Two hands made two splashes.”
4. Dressing time - “Two shoes for two feet. The first shoe is tied. Now let’s tie the second shoe.” Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts: done, each, more, next, now, one, piece, share, some, two

### Early Math Project Resources:

[Exploring Ones and Twos](#) (English)

[Explorando uno y dos](#) (Español)

### Online Resources:

Star Bright Books - Talking about the Math around Us

<https://starbrightbooks.com/img/cms/TalkTwo.pdf>

