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- The first bear would be counted like: |
- A second bear would be counted like: ||
- Three bears would look like: |||
- Four bears would be: ||||
- The fifth bear would finish the grouping: +++++

All bears should be counted and tallied - stuffed bears, ceramic bears, bear dolls, bear blankets, bear bedding, and even REAL bears. The data we collect is important and it helps us share number skills.

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