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count ¹ (kount)

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v. **count·ed**, **count·ing**, **counts**

v.tr.

1.
 - a. To name or list (the units of a group or collection) one by one in order to determine a total; number.
 - b. To recite numerals in ascending order up to and including: *count three before firing*.
 - c. To include in a reckoning; take account of: *ten dogs, counting the puppies*.

2. *Informal*

- a. To include by or as if by counting: *Count me in*.
- b. To exclude by or as if by counting: *Count me out*.
3. To believe or consider to be; deem: *Count yourself lucky*.

v.intr.

1. To recite or list numbers in order or enumerate items by units or groups: *counted by tens*.
2.
 - a. To have importance: *You really count with me*.
 - b. To have a specified importance or value: *Their opinions count for little. Each basket counts for two points*.
3. *Music* To keep time by counting beats.

n.

1. The act of counting or calculating.
2.
 - a. A number reached by counting.
 - b. The totality of specific items in a particular sample: *a white blood cell count*.
3. *Law* Any of the separate and distinct charges or causes of action in an indictment or complaint.
4. *Sports* The counting from one to ten seconds, during which time a boxer who has been knocked down must rise or be declared the loser.
5. *Baseball* The number of balls and strikes that an umpire has called against a batter.

Phrasal Verbs:

count down

To recite numerals in descending order, as during a countdown.

count off

To recite numbers in turn, as when dividing people or things into groups : *The 24 children counted off by twos, forming a dozen pairs*.

count on

1. To rely on; depend on: *You can count on my help*.
2. To be confident of; anticipate: *counted on getting a raise*.

count out

To declare (a boxer) to have been knocked out by calling out the count.

Idiom:

count heads/noses

To make a count of members, attendees, or participants.

[Middle English *counten*, from Old French *conter*, from Latin *computāre*, to calculate : *com-*, *com-* + *putāre*, to think; see **pau**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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n.

1. A nobleman in some European countries.
2. Used as a title for such a nobleman.

[Middle English *counte*, from Old French *conte*, from Late Latin *comes*, *comit-*, occupant of any state office, from Latin, companion; see **ei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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