



## Numerals flip strip

A flip strip is a hinged cardboard strip. The hinge, usually a plastic spiral, joins two cardboard strips along the top edge. In this way the top cardboard strip can be lifted to reveal the bottom cardboard strip. The top piece of cardboard is cut into vertical strips. Numerals are written on the bottom piece of cardboard or on another piece of cardboard which can be attached between the two hinged strips.

Conceal a number line between the flaps of the flip strip. Direct students to determine the missing numerals, before, after, or between nominated numbers on the flip strip, by lifting the strips. Then answers can be verified.

Vary the beginning number on the numeral line so students do not memorise the numeral by its position. For example, you may begin with the numeral three instead of one.



Teacher: If I lift this flap tell me the number you can see.

Students: Three!

Teacher: Well, can you work out which number will be under this flap?

Students: Five!

Teacher: Let's lift the flap and check. Were you right?

Students: Yes!

Teacher: Now let's count on from three.

Students: Three, four, five.