

Counting Is Not the Same Everywhere

SAY IT ALOUD

One

English		One
Irish	ayn	Aon
French	uh	un
German	ayns	eins
Spanish	oo-noh	uno

Two

English		Two
Irish	doh	Dó
French	duh	deux
German	tsvai	zwei
Spanish	dohs	dos

Three

English		Three
Irish	tree	Trí
French	twah	trois
German	dry	drei
Spanish	trehs	tres

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Write the numbers one, two and three in three languages, in a column, digits beside them. Read as written. Pause the board; every pupil writes. Not collected, not marked.

ANSWERS

1 · Write it five ways

- One — Irish Aon · French un · German eins
• Spanish uno
- Two — Irish Dó · French deux · German zwei · Spanish dos
- Three — Irish Trí · French trois · German drei · Spanish tres

2 · Find what they share

- Open answer — Accept any two forms the child can justify, with the shared letters written. Mark the reason, not the pair.

3 · What you can do now

- Open answer — Ticks are the child's own judgement, not a test. The written fourth line is the one to read.