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Do you know the song about the 5 little ducks who went over the hill and far away?

Those naughty little ducks didn't come back home until Mother Duck quacked as loud as ever she could. When they finally came home, they got in big trouble. Mother Duck marched them straight to bed without any supper!

Monday morning, the 5 little ducks were on their best behavior. They went over the hill and far away, but when Mother Duck quacked, they all came back. Not only that, but they brought a new friend home with them. 5 little ducks and 1 more! How many in all? I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5... 6! 6! Mother and Father Duck sent the little friend home, and put their own 5 to bed after supper.

Tuesday morning, the 5 little ducks went over the hill and far away.When Mother Duck quacked, they all came back.Not only that, but they brought 2 new friends home with them.5 little ducks and 2 more! How many in all?

5... 6, 7!

I, 2, 3, 4, 5,

6. 7!

Mother and Father Duck sent the 2 little friends home, and put their own 5 to bed after supper. Wednesday morning, the 5 little ducks went over the hill and far away.When Mother Duck quacked, they all came back.Not only that, but they brought 3 new friends home with them.5 little ducks and 3 more! How many in all?

l, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8!

5... 6, 7, 8!

Mother and Father Duck sent the 3 little friends home, and put their own 5 to bed after supper. Thursday morning, the 5 little ducks went over the hill and far away.When Mother Duck quacked, they all came back.Not only that, but they brought 4 new friends home with them.5 little ducks and 4 more! How many in all?

5... 6, 7, 8, 9!

l, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9!

Mother and Father Duck sent the 4 little friends home, and put their own 5 to bed after supper. Friday morning, the 5 little ducks went over the hill and far away.When Mother Duck quacked, they all came back.Not only that, but they brought 5 new friends home with them.5 little ducks and 5 more! How many in all?

5... 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!

I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!

Mother and Father Duck sent the 5 little friends home, and put their own 5 to bed after supper. Saturday morning, Mother Duck, Father Duck, and the 5 little ducks all stayed home and swam in the pond together.

