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Slip, slide, leap, and dive with a family of seven lively ducklings as they get ready to fly for the very first time. Keith Baker's playful, rhyming text and bold collage illustrations capture the excitement of a day's adventures--and gently introduce counting.

## **Quack and Count Details**

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Author : Keith Baker

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## **From Reader Review Quack and Count for online ebook**

### **Erica Johnson says**

Quack and Count is a counting book from 1 to 7. This book not only counts to 7 but also shows young readers how to make different combinations of 7 such as;  $6+1$ ,  $5+2$ ,  $3+4$  and their reciprocals;  $1+6$ ,  $2+5$ ,  $3+4$ . This book also has a rhyming component such makes the book flow with a song like rhythm. The book gives an overview of what one day in the life of a duck would be like. They slip, slide, leap, dive, and lastly fly. The illustrations in this book were very detailed and colorful. This gives the young reader a bright and fun way to learn combinations of 7. I would recommend this book for preschoolers and/or 1st and 2nd graders and use this in a counting addition lesson.

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### **Chelsea says**

This book would be great to use when teaching a lesson on counting and teaching basic addition facts to your K-1st grade students. This book is an easy read and you can also discuss the different rhyming words that you find in this book with your students.

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### **Alisha says**

A more unique counting book where there are always 7 ducks but you add them up differently (i.e.  $1+6$  or  $5+2$ , etc). Great to start teaching preK kids simple addition.

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### **Kathryn says**

This book would be great to use when teaching a lesson on counting and teaching basic addition facts to your K-1st grade students. This book is an easy read and you can also discuss the different rhyming words that you find in this book with your students. You can extend your lesson into coming up with number sentences with your students of what two numbers equal or represent the seven ducks, what two numbers would combine together and equal only five and so on. Or you can use examples such as the ones in the book like coming up with different ways of coming up with the number seven; 2 plus 5, 6 plus 1, etc.

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### **John Rush says**

Count and Quack by Keith Baker is a lively book to be meant to read to young children. The book emphasizes counting to 7. It first presents 7, then 7 as "6 plus 1", then "5 plus 2", all the way to "1 plus 6". All pages convey a sense of action. The artwork is bright and looks like layers of cut out construction paper. There are other creatures such as butterflies and ladybugs present, but only as background. The book emphasizes the ducklings in action: quacking, sliding, chasing, etc. Recommended as a loaner if on hand at your local branch. Target audience: 1 to 5 years, to be read to them.

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## **MaKenzie Reiff says**

This book was given to me by a guest speaker, who was teaching about implementing reading into math. This book taught counting. The illustrations were very cute as well.

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## **Goshen PL Childrens says**

Read at Storytime March 28, 2018

Theme: Bunnies, Chicks, and Ducklings

Another addition and subtraction concept.

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## **Laura says**

I really love this book and my almost three year old was engaged the entire time. I teach elementary math and am a firm believer in developing strong early number sense as a foundation for later work.

This book is especially good for children working on their understanding of 1:1 correspondence, addition as the joining of sets and decomposition of numbers.

The pictures are cut paper collage. They are very appealing and clearly the result of a lot of careful work. I could really see this book being used across disciplines in the classroom.

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## **Laura says**

1. Genre- Picture Book- Counting

2. This book is about all the different ways to count to seven. Mr.Baker uses a family of seven ducks that learn how to fly. Each page has a fun picture with rhymes that lead them to their success.

3. A)Word Usage- words ending in -ing

B) When Baker writes each rhyme he uses a word ending in -ing. Each page has at least one word ending in -ing. "Slipping, slidding, having fun," on page 4 uses three words. I am not sure it is something he meant to do, but I noticed it and thought it would be a good english connection for using present tense words.

C) On page 8 it states, "Chasing busy bumblebees 7 ducklings, 4 plus 3," which also has a word ending in -ing, addition to the math connection with 4 plus 3. Even though the book is mainly about counting and math, it has an english connection with words ending in -ing.

4. This would be a great book for Kindergarten and first grade. I would definitely use this for my first graders after learning some simple addition.

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## **Molly Cluff (Library!) says**

Really cool art! Like paper cuttings or something.

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## **Jordyn Matthews says**

Quack and Count, written by Keith Baker, is a math picture book that can help children learn how to count and use addition. It is based on 7 ducklings and on each page, the ducklings are split into different numbers that all add up to 7 to represent an addition equation. The children must come up with different addition equations or use counting to figure out how many ducklings there are. This book is something that could easily be incorporated into my future classroom by using it in a math lesson for my students.

The illustrations are done with cut-paper collage which makes the ducklings pop out and become the main focal point of each page. This is a good technique for a children's addition book because it will make it easier for children to count up the objects if they are front and center in the illustrations. This made the book more interesting for me to read because the illustrations were bright and popped out of the page.

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## **Peyton says**

This is a great book to use in your classroom when you are teaching your students how to count, and do simple addition problems.

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## **Taylor McDiffett says**

I think this book would be good to use in a classroom where you are trying to teach children how to count. It would also be a good book to use if you are teaching simple addition. It is an easy to read book with excellent illustrations.

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## **Julie Cardillo says**

Title Quack and Count

Author: Keith Baker

Illustrator: Keith Baker

Genre: Counting Book

Theme(s): Counting, Adding, Family, Animals, Nature

Opening line/sentence: "7 ducklings in a row, count those ducklings as they go!"

Brief Book Summary: There are seven ducklings that appear to be brothers and sisters. The illustrations of the ducklings and illustrations are of a beautiful paper-like and pastel style. In this adorable story, the seven ducklings engage in a journey to the pond and eventually fly away in the sky. Throughout this voyage, the book is teaching children counting and adding by showing all the different number combinations and pairs

that add up to seven.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Shelley Townsend-Hudson (Booklist, October 15, 1999 (Vol. 96, No. 4))

Here's a delightful book offering loads of fun with the number seven. Playful ducklings show all the ways the sum of seven can be reached. The cut-paper double-spread collages, in rich hues of blue, green, and brown, first picture a row of seven ducklings for children to count. Six ducklings slide down one side of a bank as the seventh slides down the other, giving a visual representation of how six plus one makes seven. Five ducklings play peek-a-book on one side of a spread; two play on the other, and so on. All six ways of reaching the sum of seven are presented. On the last pages the ducklings fly away. This charmer should have little ones figuring out the basic concept of addition in no time. Category: For the Young. 1999, Harcourt, \$14. Ages 2-6.

(PUBLISHER: Harcourt Brace (San Diego:), PUBLISHED: c1999.)

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

Susan Hepler, Ph.D. (Children's Literature)

In rhyming couplets, seven baby ducks make their way through the grass, playing, sliding, leaping and diving in various groupings which always total seven. Finally, "paddling, flapping, reaching high seven ducklings start to...FLY!" Preschoolers will happily chant "Good-bye, Good-bye" as the ducklings fly off and will no doubt learn the combinations (read: addition facts) effortlessly. Baker's exquisite collage illustrations, formed from a variety of painted papers, move the action along without muddying it. The orange-beaked characters stand out cleverly against the greenery and the blue pond water making this book a good bet for preschool story hours and a natural reinforcement of mathematics. 1999, Harcourt Brace, \$14.00. Ages 2 to 5.

(PUBLISHER: Harcourt Brace (San Diego:), PUBLISHED: c1999.)

Response to Two Professional Reviews: Both reviews agree that this book is tons of fun and an appealing way to teach counting and adding to young children. They also point out the illustrations being in a collage style. These reviewers strongly agree that the visual representations of numbers adding up to seven, children will easily and successfully grasp these concepts with no problem.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: This book is definitely geared for children just learning how to add or count. The use of seven ducklings to show different combinations of adding up to seven is done so that children can visually see how  $3+4=7$ . The plot is basically the seven little ducklings finding their way to the pond and flying away, while of course, teaching the various numbers that add up to seven. Overall, the illustrations are appealing and relaxation to the eye, so it makes learning mathematical concepts less stressful for children.

Consideration of Instructional Application: Putting on a play/ dramatic reenacting of this story would be beneficial and fun to children. With the use of a stage, props, costumes, and backgrounds, the children could bring the story to life! Another recommendation for instructional application would be to play a game with rubber ducks, where the teacher would give the class a number, and they would show different combinations with the ducks that add up to that number. Most likely, there will be various combinations, like the story, so the students can see how this works with other numbers besides seven.

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## **Janet says**

The cut paper collage illustrations are beautiful in this title and in every double page illustration if one looks closely one discovers a tiny beetle or a snail or a frog tucked in between the ducks and the flowers and foliage.

Now the counting concept of this title is actually not one to one counting, but the illustrations show combinations of numbers that add up to seven. Yes, there are seven ducks and in a very visual way the number combination equaling to seven is illustrated and the illustrations do that very well.

In the true sense of the word counting, this is not a counting book.

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