

Counting Coins

I counted pennies, "1, 2, 3, 4" to 100, one by one.
 "I know more ways to count," said Ruth.
 "In fact, I know a ton!"
 She counted my pennies, "2, 4, 6, 8," up to 100 by 2's.
 "Counting this way is great," she said. "You will never lose!"

I counted, "5, 10, 15, 20." Yes, I counted up by 5.
 And at 100 pennies, I quickly did arrive.
 Ruthie took back my pennies and counted them by 10
 —"10, 20, 30, 40," up to 100 once again!

So count pennies by 1's, 2's, 5's, or 10's — any way you pick.
 It's not hard to remember. There is no special trick!
 Count them by yourself, or count them with a friend —
 If you have one dollar's worth, you'll reach 100 in the end!



I traded in a dollar for a shiny penny,
 Instead of one coin, the teller gave me many!
 He said it was 100. How could I be sure?
 "Easy!" said Ruthie. "Counting is the cure!"

Max's Challenge:

Count by 5's to 100. Then count to 100 by 10's. Which way is faster? You can use the activity below to help you count. Max and Ruthie are counting to 100 by 10's, 5's, and 2's. They need your help. Can you fill in the missing blanks?

Count by 10's

10, 20, __, __, __, __, 60, __, __, 90, __

Count by 5's

5, 10, __, 20, 25, __, 35, __, __, __, 55, __, __, __, 75, 80, __, __,

95, __

Count by 2's

2, 4, 6, __, __, 12, __, __, __, __, 22, 24, __, __, 30, 32, __, __, __, __,

42, 44, __, __, __, __, 54, __, 58, __, __, __, __, __, 70, 72, __, __, __,

__, __, 84, 86, __, __, __, 94, __, __, 100

Which is faster? *Circle your answer.*

- A. counting by 5's to 100
- B. counting by 10's to 100