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Cut an apple in half to find little compartments inside. The compartments are called seed chambers.

How many seed chambers do you see?

Let’s count!
Open each chamber to pull out the seeds hiding inside.
How many seeds do you see?

Let’s count!
Plant one of the seeds and wait for it to grow into a little *seedling*.

How many leaves do you see on this seedling?

Let's count!
Wait a few years for the little seedling to grow into a tree. How many years does it take?

Let’s count!

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
Watch the leaves and blossoms grow on the tree’s branches in the spring.

How many apple blossoms do you see on this branch?

Let’s count!
Watch the little green apples start to grow in summer.

How many little green apples do you see on this branch?

Let’s count!
Watch the apples grow big and red in the fall, ready to pick.
How many apples are in the basket?

Let’s count!
Take one of the apples out of the basket and cut it in half.

What do you see inside?