

AIM OF THE GAME: place in ascending or descending order some number cards on the mat to feed the monster.

PLAYERS: 1 or 2 children can play together with one mat. If 2 children play together, they take turns placing the number cards on the mat.

MATERIALS:

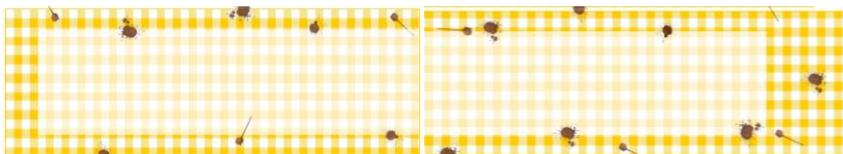
- The number cards.
- The monster cards.
- The mat.



Number cards from 1 to 20



Monster cards



The mat

HOW TO PLAY

1. Decide on the number interval

There is space on the mat for 10 cards, but the number cards go from 1 to 20. Therefore, a number interval (e.g., 1-10, 6-15, and 11-20) must be selected before starting the game.

2. Placing the cards on the table to start

Place all number cards for the selected number interval with the food side facing down. Please note that there are 2 number cards for each number.

- i. To play the **forward counting game**, place the lowest number on the left-hand side (with the food side of the card face down) on the mat and the monster on the right-hand side of the mat.
- ii. To play the **backward counting game**, place the highest number on the right-hand side (with the food side of the card face down) of the mat and the monster on the left-hand side.



Forward counting game with number cards 1-10



Backward counting game with number cards 1-10

3. Playing

Children take turns placing the next number in the number sequence (e.g., if you begin with 1, the next number would be 2), placing the food side down, and not looking at what is on the other side of the card. An adult may encourage children to find the next card by saying, "What number comes after/before X?". Once children have placed all the cards to reach the monster, an adult may check that the numbers are in the correct order and ask children to correct any errors before they can turn over the cards to see what they have fed the monster. Children may now select a new monster and a new number interval and play again!



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