

The Great Race

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The Great Race is a simple and easy at-home board game suitable for 2-3 players. It is a fun way for young children to learn numbers and practice counting!

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What you will need

- Access to a printer
- Paper
- A quarter
- Tape or glue

Game Assembly

1. Print out the 1-10 game board (available in color or black and white). Lay pages 1 and 2 of the game board out horizontally and tape together.
2. Cut out the small orange circles labeled '1' and '2.' Tape or glue one circle to each side of a quarter.
3. Cut out the game characters. *Optional: Tape or glue the characters to the end of a stick (e.g. popsicle stick, cotton swab, or toothpick) for easier mobility during the game.

*Bonus: If using the black and white version; have your child color/ decorate the game board before playing.

Goal

Be the first player to reach the number 10 space.

Game Setup

- Position the game board so all players can easily move their characters from space to space.
- Place all characters at the START symbol to begin the race.

How to Play

On each player's turn:

1. The player must spin or flip the quarter.
2. Say the number he/she has landed on.
3. Move his/her character the number of spaces spun, while saying the numbers on the game board aloud.

The first player to reach space 10 wins the game!

Reference: Ramani, G. B., Siegler, R. S., & Hitti, A. (2012). Taking it to the classroom: Number board games as a small group learning activity. *Journal of Educational Psychology, 104*(3), 661-672.

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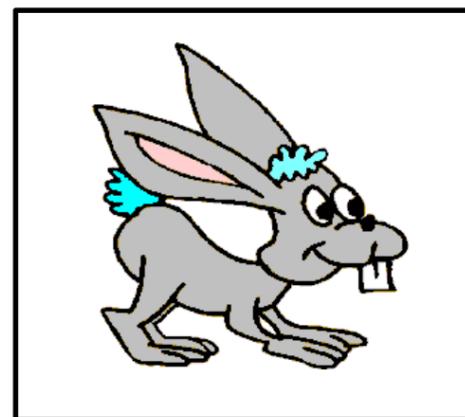
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Game Characters



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