



Board Game

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Introduction

Does your family play board games together? Playing together not only strengthens your family, but it contains great lessons for kids—lessons like counting, patience, taking turns, and fair play!

Counting happens to be an important pre-literacy skill, and this handout will show you how to make this simple board game that will have your child practicing literacy skills while having fun as a family. Keep reading to learn how!

Supplies

- Empty cereal box
- A die
- Small objects to use as game pieces
- Markers
- Scissors
- Index cards (optional)



Instructions

1. Cut open the box: Cut open the cereal box, then cut off the top and bottom flaps.
2. Sketch your board game: Sketch a small, twisty path with a start and a finish, then add lines in the path to create spaces for players to move through. Invite your child to color and decorate it with you!
 - a. Tip: Add an obstacle—Think about what you'd like in the game. Our game has a volcano in the center; if a player lands on this, they'll have to go back to the beginning.

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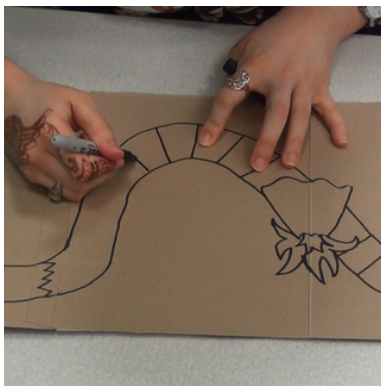


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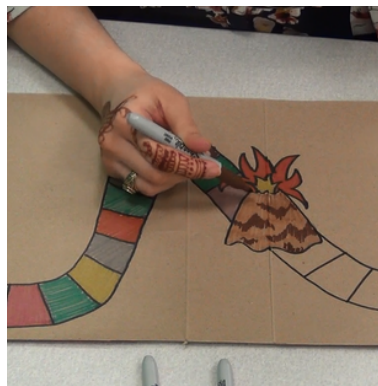
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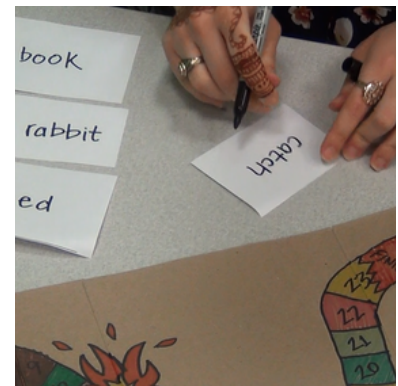
3. Number the spaces; find game pieces: Number all of the spaces in the game and find small objects to use as game pieces like buttons, beads, or small toys. Make sure each piece looks different so you can tell them apart while playing.
4. (Optional) Add sight word cards: To make the game challenging for older children, take index cards and write sight words on them. If you have an age appropriate trivia deck for your child, this would be a great way to use it!



Sketch a twisty path, then draw lines in the path to make spaces to move through.



Color the spaces, decorate the game, and add a fun "obstacle".



Add sight word cards to make the game more interesting for older children.

How to Use Your Board Game

Each player rolls the die and moves the number of spaces they rolled (this is where the counting practice comes in). For older children, have them draw a card and answer the question or challenge on it. If they answer correctly, they can roll the die and move forward; if not, they stay put and wait until their next turn. And of course, whoever reaches the end first wins the game!

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