

Explore Number Order



1 player

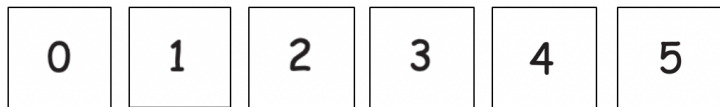
Ages 3+

5-10 minutes

Materials:

Cards to use:

numeral cards 0-5



OR any dots cards 0-5



Goal of the game: child arranges the cards in the correct order, with assistance if needed.

Setup:

1. Shuffle cards

2. Hand child the cards

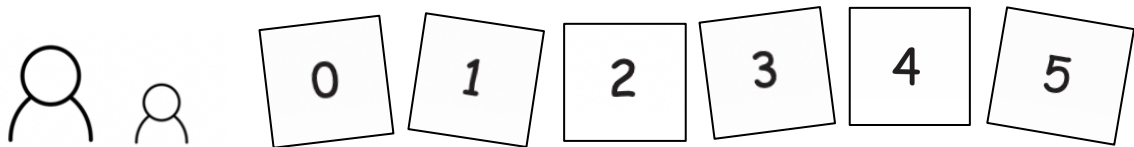
Play:

Ask questions about the cards.



What do you notice about the cards?
Do you see any numbers that you know?
Can you count the dots? How many dots are there?

Ask the child to put the cards in order from 0-5 (smallest to biggest). Have them make sure the numbers are in the correct order.



Variation:

If children are ready for a higher challenge, use cards up to 10!

What children are learning:

- This game can help you figure out your child's "just right" level of difficulty for future games. If your child is not yet ready to put cards 0-5 in order, use cards 1-3. If your child easily orders cards 0-5, use higher cards or move on to another game.
- Some children may need your help to count and understand the numerals or number of dots on the cards.
- Talk to children about their strategy: how are they ordering the cards? How do they know the correct order?