

Numbers Clap



1-20 players

Ages 3+

5-10 minutes

Materials: Two hands

Goal of the game: to hear and recognize a number of claps, clap the same number of times, and label the number of claps with the correct number word.

Setup:


Get ready to clap!



Play:

Say, "Listen carefully! Can you clap the same number of times as me?"
Clap twice.



Wait for children to clap twice using their own hands. 

Ask, "How many times did I clap?" Wait for children to answer.



Continue playing using different numbers of claps.

Variation: Ask children to jump, spin, or whistle the number of times that you clapped!

What children are learning:

- This game is fun and challenging because children have to remember three steps: first, listen to and count the number of claps; second, repeat the claps; and third, label the number of claps with the correct number name.
- You should focus this game on numbers under five until children are ready for a higher challenge.