

Number Clap

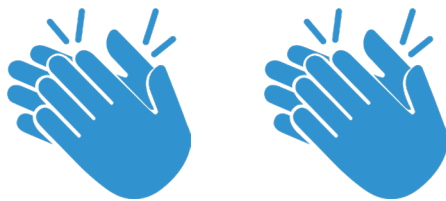
Players 1+ Ages 3+ 5–10 min

GOAL

To hear and recognize a number of claps, clap the same number of times, and say how many times you clapped.

MATERIALS

Your hands



VOCABULARY

Same number of times
How many times

QUESTIONS

How many times did we clap?
Can you clap the same number of times?

HOW TO PLAY

1. Get your hands ready to clap and your ears ready to listen.
2. Say, “Listen carefully. Can you clap the same number of times as me?” Clap twice.
3. Wait for children to clap, then ask, “How many times did you clap?” Wait for children to respond (“two!”).
4. Continue playing using different numbers of claps.

TIPS FOR PLAYING

- In addition to clapping, you can use all different types of motion. Children can jump, spin, stomp, or whistle the number of times that you clapped.
- To start, focus on numbers 1–5. Then, when children are ready for more challenge, try numbers up to 10.
- To keep the game going, you can have the children take turns leading.

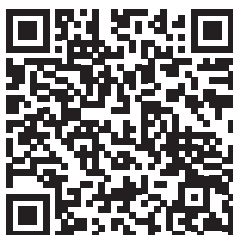
WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING

- Children are working with a lot of mathematical ideas. They listen to the claps and determine how many claps. They hold that number in their head while they count their own claps up to that number. And finally, they label the claps with a number word, like “two” or “three.”

MATH TOPICS

Number: Counting and Cardinality

VIDEO



Watch Game Video

View the QR code in your smartphone’s camera app or QR code reader to watch a video that shows how to play *Number Clap*.