

# Number Jump

Players 1-20    Ages 3+    1-5 min

## GOAL

To jump a certain number of times.

## MATERIALS

Bodies



## VOCABULARY

Same

Too many

Too few

## QUESTIONS

How did you know when to stop jumping?

Did we jump the same number of times?

Did we jump too many times?

Did we jump too few times?

## HOW TO PLAY

1. Show or tell children a number. You can hold up a certain number of fingers, say a number out loud, or write a number on the board.
2. The children then jump that number of times. For example, if you show them 3, you can say, "Let's jump three times. Ready?"
3. Count the jumps out loud with the children, saying, "One, two, three, STOP. We jumped three times!"

4. Repeat with other numbers.

### TIPS FOR PLAYING

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- You can also play this game using other physical actions, like clapping or doing front rolls, instead of jumping.
- Children may enjoy jumping so much that they don't want to stop even if they count correctly. If this happens you could have them jump as many times as they can and tell you how many before you try to get them to jump to a certain number.
- For an extra challenge, make a jumping mistake. For example, "I'm going to jump four times. One, two, three. Oh, did I make a mistake? What was my mistake?" Have children jump the correct number of times to help you fix the mistake.

### WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING

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- Children are practicing counting to a certain number. See if they are able to synchronize their counting with their jumping, count in the correct order, and know to stop when they reach the given number. These are important number skills for them to practice.
- When you make a counting mistake, it helps children think about same, more, and less. It also shows them that mistakes can happen while counting, and that's okay!

### MATH TOPICS

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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 Jump*.