

What to do...

Play this game with a partner! – you will need lots of counters and one special counter each (dried peas or dry pasta pieces make good counters as does Lego®!)

1. Use the grid below.
2. One person puts their counter on 8.
3. The other person puts their counter on 2.
4. The aim is to reach the opposite corner with the most counters!
5. Take turns to move – you may move one square along or up or down.
6. When you land on a number, you must say the number that is one less than that number, e.g. if you land on 3, you must say, 'two'.
7. If correct, you may take that many counters.
8. When each person reaches the opposite corner count up how many counters you have each.

Corner to corner!

This game helps children practise the very difficult skill of saying the number 'one less' than a given number. If your child has trouble with this, help them by counting back to the number on the board that they are looking at, e.g. if they have to say one less than 8, count back, '10, 9, 8...' then they will be likely to say '7'.

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I am on 7.
What is one less than 7?

8	3	4
1	5	9
6	7	2