

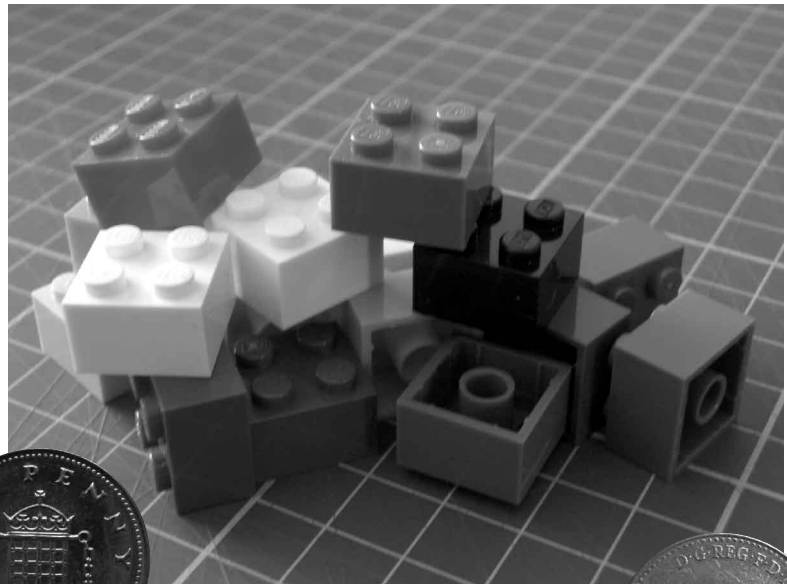
# What to do...

1. You will need some counters (pieces of dry pasta, dried beans or Lego® make good counters!) and a coin.
2. Play this game with a partner.
3. Start with 20 counters each.
4. Take turns to play.
5. Spin a coin. Heads, remove 2 counters. Tails, remove 3 counters.
6. Before you remove the counter, you must say (without counting!) how many you will have left.
7. If you are correct, you may remove the counters. If you are not correct, you have to miss that turn.
8. The first person to get rid of all their counters, wins. Play again!

## Starter for twenty!

Saying the number 'one or two less' without counting is surprisingly difficult for children. Help them by counting back to the number they have, e.g. if they have 8 counters and they have to say the number two less, count back to 8, 'ten, nine, eight...'. This usually enables the child to continue counting back! Many children may have extra difficulty with the teen-numbers – give more support here!

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My coin landed on tails. I have fifteen counters and if I take three away I am left with twelve.