

What to do

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –
Please check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.*

1. Counting practice

- Ask your child to start counting up to twenty slowly and clearly.
- Stop them by clapping once.
- They must whisper the number they would be saying next. Are they correct?
- Repeat this several times, stopping them at different points.

Extension

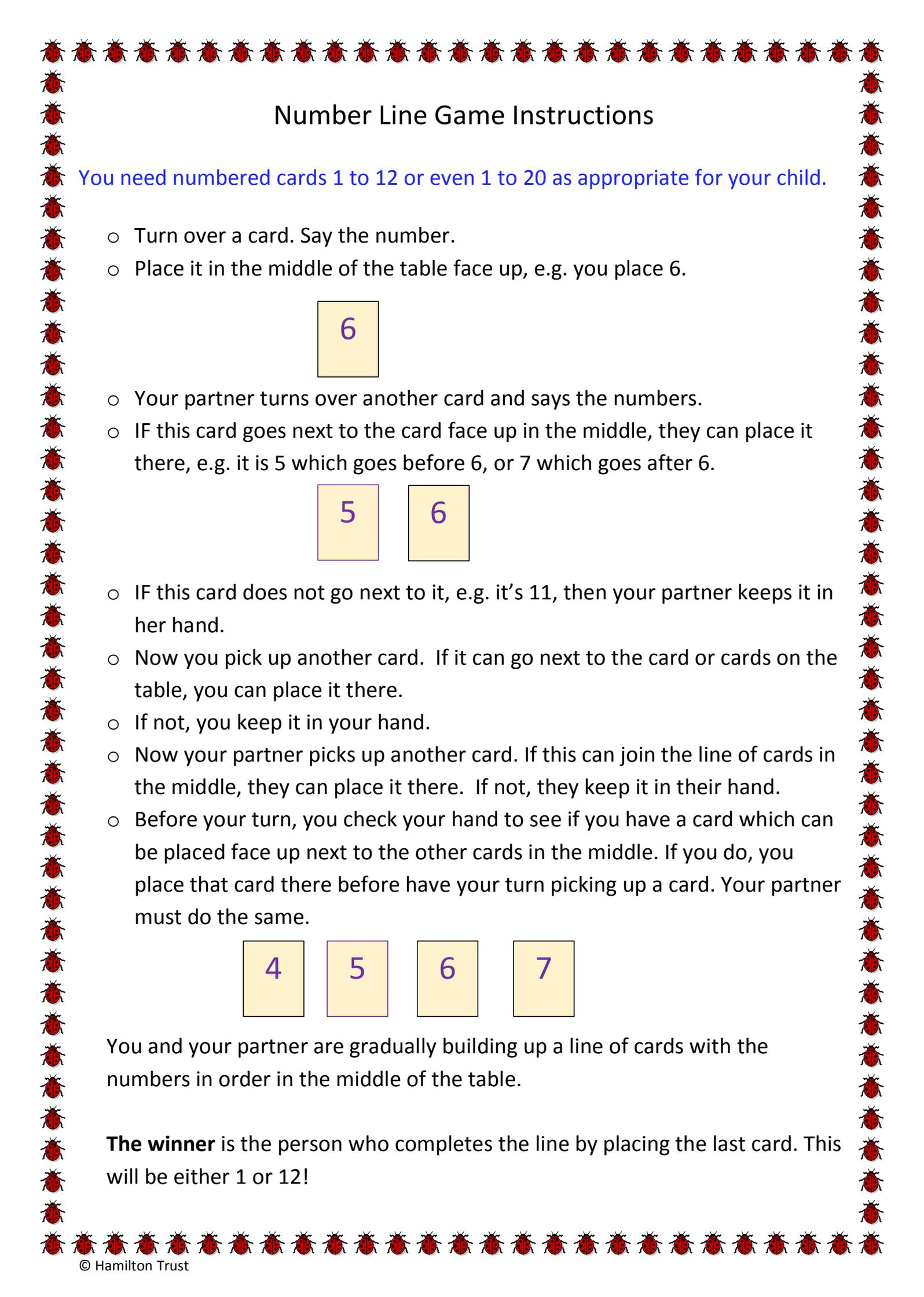
- Do as above but counting backwards from 20
- Or start at 40 and count forwards. Or start at 56... etc.

2. Working together

- Make a set of twelve numbered cards.
 - Use an old cereal packet and cut out the cards.
 - Write clear numerals on these, 1 to 12 or to 20
- Spread out the cards face down.
- Take turns to play the *Number Line Game*.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Try to bounce a ball between you twelve times. Bounce, catch (1) bounce, catch (2), bounce... etc.
- Choose three cards, e.g. 5, 6, 7. Lay them out in order. Then turn them face down. While your partner's eyes are shut switch two of the cards. They point to a card and must say what number they think it is. Were they correct? Now they do the same to you!



Number Line Game Instructions

You need numbered cards 1 to 12 or even 1 to 20 as appropriate for your child.

- Turn over a card. Say the number.
- Place it in the middle of the table face up, e.g. you place 6.



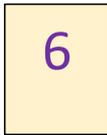
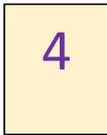
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- Your partner turns over another card and says the numbers.
- IF this card goes next to the card face up in the middle, they can place it there, e.g. it is 5 which goes before 6, or 7 which goes after 6.



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- IF this card does not go next to it, e.g. it's 11, then your partner keeps it in her hand.
- Now you pick up another card. If it can go next to the card or cards on the table, you can place it there.
- If not, you keep it in your hand.
- Now your partner picks up another card. If this can join the line of cards in the middle, they can place it there. If not, they keep it in their hand.
- Before your turn, you check your hand to see if you have a card which can be placed face up next to the other cards in the middle. If you do, you place that card there before have your turn picking up a card. Your partner must do the same.



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You and your partner are gradually building up a line of cards with the numbers in order in the middle of the table.

The winner is the person who completes the line by placing the last card. This will be either 1 or 12!