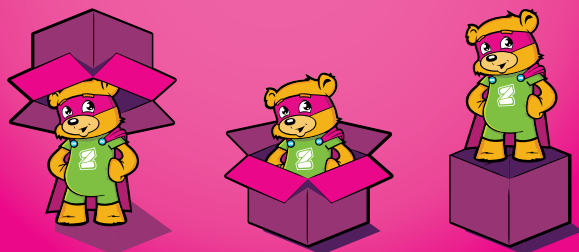


Find Zeno Bear

STATION GUIDE



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Overview

This guide provides information on how to setup and facilitate a small group of 2-7 children or a center station to play the Zeno Game, Find Zeno Bear. At least one adult should be present when playing.

Some of these instructions assume that children can work cooperatively with one another. If that is not developmentally appropriate for the children you are working with, it may be best to have more adults to serve as the children's partners.

Small group play should last 5-10 minutes and should focus on no more than 2 game levels at a time.

When playing, refrain from using "no" to direct children. The word "no" does not provide children with any skills or verbal guidance.

It is critical that you play the game in your classroom for the week prior to sending it home to ensure that children are excited and comfortable to take it home and play with their families.



Goal

In this game your children will learn how to use and respond to position words (on, in, behind, between, etc.).

Before You Begin

Remember that it is important to give children time to freely play with the game materials and explore the game concepts of spatial relationships and positional words.

Please ensure that children have had adequate time to explore the game and its concepts prior to small groups.





Level 1



Yellow Position Cards x3



Zeno Bear x3

Take out the yellow position cards. Have one child pick a card. Read the card aloud to the group of children and show them the picture on the card. Together, move into the position on the card.



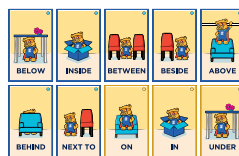
Next, hide Zeno Bear according to the clue. Ask the children to look for Zeno Bear using the clue.



Play again, but let a different child choose the next yellow card. If the children are ready for more of a challenge, let them play in pairs with another child.



Level 2



Yellow & Blue Position Cards x3



Zeno Bear x3

Take out the yellow and blue position cards. Have one child pick a card. Read the card aloud to the group of children and show them the picture on the card. Together, move into the position on the card.



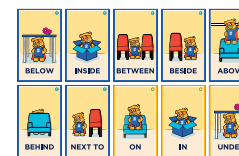
Next, allow one child to hide Zeno Bear according to the clue. Ask the rest of the children to look for Zeno Bear using the clue.



Play again, but let different children choose the blue card and hide Zeno Bear. If the children are ready for more of a challenge, let them play in pairs with another child.



Level 3



Yellow & Blue Position Cards x3



Picture Mat x3



Magnifying Glass x3

Place the children in pairs. If any of the children need more support, have their partner be an adult. Give each pair a set of yellow and blue position cards and a picture mat. Have each pair pick a card. Read the card aloud to the pair of children.



Ask each pair to work together to find all of the Zeno Bears in the picture using the clue.



Afterwards, let the pair keep playing by picking a new card.