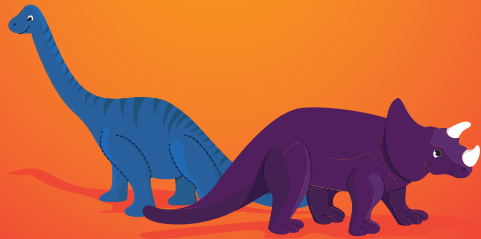


Peek-A-Dino

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, Peek-a-Dino. 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 **subitize** (immediately know how many objects there are without having to count) and sort by different **attributes** (how something looks and feels).

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 subitizing and sorting.

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





Level 1



First, demonstrate how to play. Ask the children to help you sort the dinosaurs onto the game mat. Hide 1 or 2 dinosaurs under the blanket and let the children take a quick peek. Ask them how many dinosaurs they saw.



Now, it's their turn! Allow the children to try sorting the dinosaurs. Hide 1 or 2 dinosaurs under the blanket and let them take a 3-second peek. Ask them how many dinosaurs they saw.



If children are not yet able to tell you how many they saw, ask them to show you how many they saw.



Level 2



First, demonstrate how to play. Ask the children to help you sort the dinosaurs onto the game mat. Hide up to 4 dinosaurs under the blanket and let the children take a quick peek. Ask them how many dinosaurs they saw.



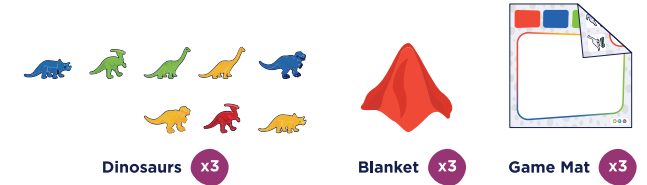
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Level 3



First, demonstrate how to play. Ask the children to help you sort the dinosaurs onto the game mat. Hide up to 10 dinosaurs under the blanket and let the children take a quick peek. Ask them how many dinosaurs they saw.



Now, it's their turn! Allow the children to try sorting the dinosaurs. Hide up to 10 dinosaurs under the blanket and let them take a 3-second peek. Ask them how many dinosaurs they saw.



If children are ready for more of a challenge, ask them to describe to you how they saw the dinosaurs.