

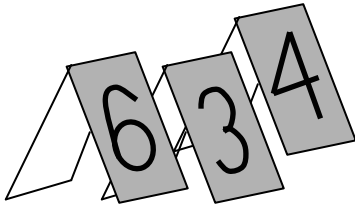
Tent Numbers

Targeting development in

Recognising numerals, space, eye-hand coordination, cooperation.

Equipment

Cardboard rolls (from inside cling wrap or similar) to make a baton, large dice, coloured cardboard (25cm x 12cm) folded in half like a greeting card with the same number written on the front and back. Put different numbers on each card. Choose numbers from 1-6. This game works well when there are duplicate tent cards for all the numbers.



Set-up

Place number cards on the ground tent-style in two groups.

The first child in each team or group holds the baton.

How to play

Form two teams or groups.

The first child on each team throws the dice and then runs with their baton to the number cards standing on the floor.

They hook their baton under the tent shape formed by the folded cardboard and pick it up.

They then return carrying it carefully to their team.

The baton is then passed to the next child who throws the dice and goes to collect the corresponding number.

Play continues under whatever set of rules you choose.

Different ways to play

- The cards are collected by hand rather than with the cardboard roll.
- The numbers on the cards are limited to only 1-3 and called out.
- The baton has a magnet glued onto it and there are paperclips on smaller number tents. Children then pick up the tents using the magnet.
- The number card to be collected on each turn could be chosen by:
 - counting real items in a group
 - simple additions (1+2)
 - one more or less than the number shown on the dice