

Get in Order!

This is an activity for 3 players. Modified version below for up to 10 players.

Goal: Make two, three, and four digit numbers.

You will need:

- Paper
- Markers or scissors
- Open Space

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What to do:

- Make large numbers 0 to 9. Either write or cut out the number, using an entire piece of paper for each number
- Lay all of the numbers in front of the players.
- Have the players line up and get ready to move.
- Tell players that when they hear a number called out that they will be working together to make that number with the digits in front of them.
- Give them a few minutes to make a plan on how to work together.
- When they are ready, call out a number (look below for on how to pick a number).
- After a few rounds, give them a time limit. Can they get in order in 30 seconds? 15 seconds? 5 seconds?

Alternative ways:

- Picking a Number
 - Write 10 or more, three-digit numbers on slips of papers and place them in a hat or container. Grab one without looking and call it out.
 - Randomly say any 3 digit number.
 - Roll a dice three times for each place value and call out the number it makes.
 - Use a random number generator.
- Playing with more players:
 - For groups of more than 3 children, make teams that all work on creating the same number. Compare the numbers that are created.
 - For groups of 10, each child is assigned to a digit and is in charge of getting in order if their digit is part of the number.
- Write 0 to 9 on slips of paper and place in a hat. Pull out 3 numbers and call each of them out, tell the players to make the smallest number out of those numbers. Then tell them to make the largest number. Play again by pulling out 3 new numbers.
- Consider using sidewalk chalk to draw a square for the hundreds place, a circle for the tens place, and a triangle for the ones place to indicate where each digit belongs and help guide the players to those locations. Then play the game!

