

Counter Grab

Number of Students: Small to Medium sized groups (4 – 10 students)

Materials:

- Bucket of Counters per group
- 1 Score Sheet per person
- 1 pencil (or whiteboard marker if game board laminated) per pair

Preparation:

Sufficient counters for each student to remove a handful

Photocopy or print sufficient score sheets so that there is one for each person

Both spinner sheets and game board sheets can be laminated for longevity, although this is not strictly necessary.

How :

The bucket is passed around and each player reaches in and removes a handful of counters. Students arrange the counters, in a way that they find them easy to count, in the space provided on the sheet. For example, they may make an array or stack them in 2s, 5s or 10s etc. When students have worked out how many counters they have, they write the total in the space provided.

Students take turns to 'prove' to the group that they have the stated number of counters, by showing why the way that they have arranged the counters makes it easier to count them.