

An extra challenge for parents and caregivers

Zebra: Who Is Third?

Guide: ages 6-7

The goal: use both ends of the same row to find and then check a friend's place.

Reasoning matters more than speed.

5 ways to stretch the thinking

1. **Find both end markers.**
   Look for START and for the other end.
2. **Count from START.**
   Touch one friend at a time.
3. **Keep the line still.**
   Do not move or swap the friends.
4. **Predict from the other end.**
   Ask what will change before counting.
5. **Check the prediction by pointing.**
   Count again from the other end.

Your challenge plan

10 minutes

is plenty



- **No timer**
- **Explain why**
- **Check again**

Ask for the reason, not only the answer.

5 signs deeper reasoning is growing

1. **Distinguishes START and OTHER END**
   Knows which end the counting begins from.
2. **Keeps the line unchanged**
   Leaves the row exactly as it is.
3. **Recognizes Zebra from both ends**
   Finds the same friend either way.
4. **Explains a changed place**
   Uses a gesture or words to say why.
5. **Checks without rushing**
   Recounts to confirm the answer.

Try it away from the paper today

Line up 6 toys.
A longer row works best.

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Mark both ends with paper.
One for START, one for the other end.

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Show the reverse, then count.
Ask what place a toy has from each end.

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