

Lino: A Place for the Late Parcel

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Goal: Explain every legal gap, including equal neighbors and the two ends.

Playful practice, not a test.

5 ways to help

1. **Ask for two signs.**
   Left no greater; right no smaller.
2. **Test an equal pair.**
   Ties create more than one place.
3. **Put a place at an end.**
   One neighbor still gives a clue.
4. **Offer an open range.**
   Many whole numbers can fit.
5. **Ask for a proof.**
   Name why every place works.

10-minute plan

10 minutes

Ask for the rule

1. **Build one row.**
   Use 15, 25, 25, and 25.
2. **Check one gap.**
   Say both neighbors aloud.
3. **Find every tie.**
   Keep the fixed row unchanged.
4. **Prove the ends.**
   Use one visible neighbor.

5 signs of reasoning

- **Checks both signs**
  Uses both inequalities.
- **Finds all ties**
  Names every legal gap.
- **Handles ends**
  Explains the one-sided check.
- **Invents an amount**
  Chooses inside the assigned range.
- **Pauses and repairs**
  Reasoning matters more than speed.

Stars support pacing; they are not a school score.

Try it away from the screen: a counted row and a cardboard window

1 · Count three bowls.
Put three small bowls in order; count each set aloud.

2 · Add one new bowl.
Keep its contents unchanged and slide a cardboard frame.

3 · Compare both sides.
Ask which neighbor is smaller and which is larger; try another place.

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Ask which neighbors you see, check the other side, and keep the amount unchanged.

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