

All Aboard!

Multi-Player Addition and Subtraction Game

What you need...

A large table (preferably round), Laminated print of the rocket ship, Laminated people/aliens in windows, Blue Tack or sticky back Velcro (to stop the people/aliens falling off the rocket ship).

How to set it up...

Place the rocket ship in the centre of the table and seat the children round the edge. The adult is the ground control and each of the children is a space station. To begin the person who is ground control adds a few passengers to the rocket ship.

How to play...

Once the first people have boarded, rotate the rocket ship to the next space station. Tell the person at the station how many people are getting on/off at that station. The child then has to say how many people would be on the rocket ship as a consequence of the people getting on/off. If they get the right answer they then get to choose that amount of people to add/remove. For example...

Adult: There are 5 people on the rocket ship. If 2 people get on how many will be on the rocket ship then?

Child: 7?

Adult: Correct, you can now choose two people to add to the rocket ship!