

Children's

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Just a Minute

Estimate how many times you can complete a task in one minute.

What to do

What you need

- 2 Players
- Pencil
- Stopwatch
- Activity Data Sheet

1

Player 1 chooses a task and estimates how many times he can do it in one minute.

2

Record your estimate on the data sheet.

3

Player 2 keeps track of the time using the stopwatch to tell you when to start and stop.

4

Count and record how many times you can complete the task in one minute.

5

Compare your total to your estimate. *Were you close or far from your estimate?*

6

Pick another task from the list, and do it all again. *Is this an easier or harder task?*

For Parents

Children need experience thinking about chunks of time such as one second, one minute, five minutes, thirty minutes and one hour. Have your child estimate how long it will take him to do everyday activities such as tying his shoe or reading a favorite story. Time him and compare that time to the estimate.

