

Buzz – Three or More

Count together, say BUZZ for the multiples, and see how high you can go!

SCAN TO SEE IT PLAYED



The core game

How it works

- 1 Three players stand in a triangle facing each other, all in a squat position
- 2 Take turns counting upward — player 1 says '1', player 2 says '2', and so on
- 3 Any number that is a multiple of 4 (4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40) OR contains the digit 4 (14, 34) must be replaced with 'BUZZ!' — say the number and you're out
- 4 If anyone says the wrong thing or buzzes at the wrong time, the whole group starts again from 1 — the goal is to reach 40 together

Ways to play

Two versions for every occasion

Way 1 — Triangle of Three

Best for exactly 3 players · Classroom, garden, or living room

- Stand in a triangle, everyone in a squat
- Start counting from 1, going clockwise
- Replace every multiple of 4 and every number containing 4 with 'BUZZ!'
- Wrong answer or wrong buzz means everyone drops to the floor and starts from 1
- Celebrate loudly when you reach 40 — then try to beat your fastest time!

Way 2 — Bigger Group Variation

Best for 4–6 players · Family or group setting

- Stand in a circle — with 4 players, buzz numbers are multiples of 5 and numbers containing 5; with 5 players use multiples of 6 and numbers with 6 in them
- Adjust the target: aim for 50 with 4 players, 60 with 5 players
- Count around the circle; wrong answers restart the count
- Add a twist: instead of 'BUZZ', players can substitute a country, food, or sport name — you only have 2 seconds to think of one that hasn't been used
- Work together to reach the target — the team wins or loses as one

TIP FOR PARENTS

Try this at home

Start with a lower target like 20 while everyone learns the buzz numbers, then increase the challenge. Younger kids can just buzz on the number 4 itself to begin with — the concept scales beautifully.

THE SCIENCE OF PLAY

Why it works

Cooperative games where everyone wins or loses together build a powerful sense of shared purpose and team accountability. The mental effort of tracking multiples while counting aloud activates working memory and number fluency in a way that feels like play, not maths.

SCHOOL ' HOME

The connection

Your child practised number patterns and teamwork in today's session — Buzz Three or More is a wonderful way to sneak in some maths practice that the whole family will genuinely enjoy.