

THE PIT OF DOOM

5 TO -20

NEGATIVE NUMBER GAME

The Pit of Doom is a fun dice game which involves trying to escape from the pit before you get swallowed. It is a good game for helping children to understand negative numbers and number sequences from 5 to -20. There are no strategies involved in playing – just luck!

Age range: 3rd Grade +

Number of players: 2+

Learning: Learn to use negative numbers to -20, and know where they are placed on a number line.

You will need

- 1 counter per player
- 1 dice

Instructions

- All players place their counters at zero on the board.
- Roll the dice and follow the instruction on the game board.
- If you roll a 6, you have to roll an odd number on your next turn to continue.
- If you fall below -20, then you get swallowed and are out of the game.
- The winner is either the first player to get out of the pit, or the last player left who has not been swallowed.

Variations

- Roll 2 dice and follow the instructions on the game board for each dice separately.
- Make up your own rules for what happens when you roll each number on the dice.
- Change the game so that the winner is the first person to get swallowed.

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DICE ROLL

- 1 = STAY WHERE YOU ARE
- 2 = GO DOWN 1 PLACE (-1)
- 3 = GO DOWN 2 PLACES (-2)
- 4 = GO UP A PLACE (+1)
- 5 = GO DOWN 3 PLACES (-3)
- 6 = STUCK – THROW AN ODD NUMBER TO CONTINUE