

fruit tree game

A game for 2-4 players

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Before you start:

Each player chooses one type of fruit and a Fruit Picker. All players hang their five pieces of fruit on the side of the tree nearest to them and place their Fruit Picker on the ground with an arm over the second rung of the ladder.

Shuffle the blue number tiles and place them face down in two piles.

Place the yellow number tiles face up where all players can see them.

How to play the Fruit Tree Game:

To play this game, use the side of the board showing a sum with a minus sign.

Starting with the youngest player, players take turns to turn up two blue number tiles, one from each of the two piles. The biggest number is placed on the left of the minus sign and the smallest number on the right of the minus sign. (N.B. If the two numbers are the same, place them one on either side of the minus sign). The player then works out the answer using the Finger Grid (see below how to use grid) and selects the correct yellow number tile to place after the "equals" sign. The other players check that the answer is correct and, if it is, the player moves his/her Fruit Picker that number of rungs up or down the ladder.

After each turn, players put the blue number tiles they have used in the box. When all the tiles have been used up they are shuffled again and two new piles are made.

When a player's Fruit Picker is standing on the top (fifth) rung, the player can take a piece of fruit off the tree, hang it on the back of the picker and continue back to the ground, before continuing back up the ladder to get the next piece of fruit. Players can move up and down the ladder in the same turn.

The first player to bring a Fruit Picker to the ground with his/her last piece of fruit wins the game.

For an easier game, players can select only the blue number tiles showing numbers of 5 and below. For a quicker game, they can use fewer than five pieces of fruit each.

How to play Find The Missing Number:

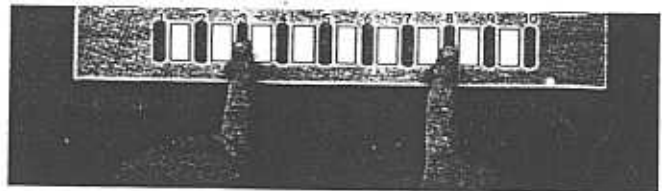
To play this game, use the side of the board showing a sum with a plus sign.

This game is played in the same way as for the Fruit Tree Game except that players take turns to pick one blue number tile from either pile. This is placed to the left of the plus sign. The player uses the Finger Grid to work out the missing number (N.B. with these sums one finger will always be on the number 10 of the Finger Grid) and select the correct yellow number tile to place on the right of the plus sign. If the answer is correct, the player moves his/her Fruit Picker that number of rungs up or down the ladder.

The first player to bring his/her Fruit Picker to the ground with the last remaining piece of fruit is the winner.

How to use the Number Grid:

Place one finger from each hand on the same two numbers as the sum you have in front of you e.g. if the sum is $8-3$ place one finger on the number 8 and the other on the number 3, then count the white rectangles in between. This number will be the answer. In this example it is the number 5.



Count the white rectangles to give the answer

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