



# Teddy Bears Count



## THE RULES OF THE GAME

### PLAYERS

It is most fun to play the game in a group of four. But you can also play alone, or with 2 or 3 players.

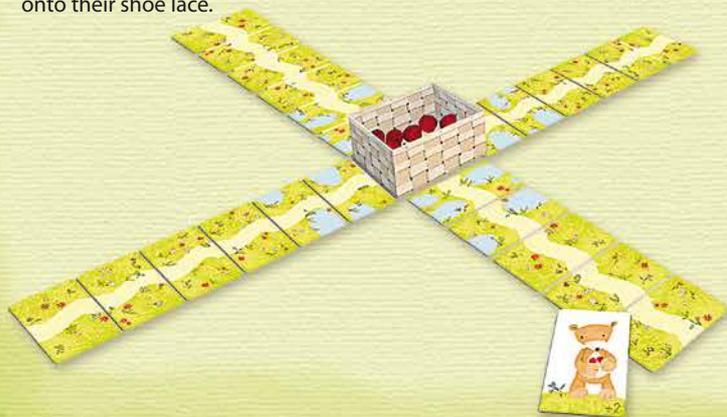
### THE AIM OF THE GAME

Players need to help the Teddy Bears pick as many wild strawberries as possible.

### PREPARING FOR THE GAME

Place the box containing 28 wild strawberries in the centre of the table. Arrange a line of 6 cards – side by side – stretching on each side of the box (see illustration). The cards should be arranged with the pictures of the meadow face up (and Teddy Bears face down). The first 2 cards (closest to the box) should be the cards indicating a stream (in blue); and the next 4 cards showing a path (in yellow).

A knot should be tied at one end of the shoe-lace provided in the game-box: there is one shoe lace per player. The players will thread the strawberries onto their shoe lace.



### HOW TO PLAY

Starting from the youngest player and taking turns in a clockwise direction, players should turnover one card at a time — so the Teddy Bear faces up. The players should start by turning the cards at the end of the line (farthest away from the box) working inwards. On each of the cards the Teddy Bear holds the number of strawberries indicating by the number written on the bottom right corner of the card (see illustration). The player collects strawberries from the box at the centre corresponding to the number of berries the Teddy Bear is holding:

1. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds **one** berry a corresponding **+1** is written on the card. And the player should thread **one** berry onto their shoe-lace.
2. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds **two** berries a corresponding **+2** is written on the card. And the player should thread **two** berries onto their shoe-lace.
3. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds **three** berries a corresponding **+3** is written on the card. And the player should thread **three** berries onto their shoe-lace.
4. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds **four** berries a corresponding **+4** is written on the card. And the player should thread **four** berries onto their shoe-lace.
5. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds **five** berries a corresponding **+5** is written on the card. And the player should thread **five** berry onto their shoe-lace.



## NOW THE FUN BEGINS

1. If the Teddy Bear on the card faces sideways – is turned to the left, or, is turned to the right – the player must takeaway the number of berries that the Teddy Bear holds in its paw (from their shoe-lace) and give it to the player sitting in the direction that the Teddy Bear is facing. The players learn to subtract strawberries from their shoe-lace.
2. If the Teddy Bear is holding **one** berry then a corresponding **-1** is written on the card. And if the Teddy Bear is holding **two, three, or four** berries then a corresponding **-2, -3, -4** are written on the card. Then the players must take that number of berries from their shoe-lace and give it to the player to their left or right: in the direction the Teddy Bear is facing.
3. If the player has to give away more strawberries than they have collected on their shoe-lace, then they have to finish playing the game.
4. If the Teddy Bear on the card holds no strawberries at all – he has eaten them all up! And the player neither collects nor gives away any strawberries. In this case the card will have a **0** written on the bottom right corner of the card.

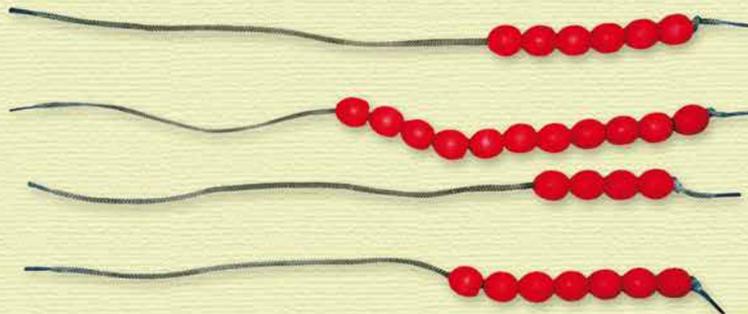


## VARIATIONS

Before starting the game the players should decide on how to allocate the berries in the game. They can follow the directions of the cards. Or, give the number of berries on the card to any other player (ignoring which way the Teddy Bear faces). Or, simply take away the berries and return them to the box.

## THE END OF THE GAME

The game has ended when all of the cards have been turned Teddy Bears face up. The winner is the player who has collected the most strawberries.



## NOTE

If the players are unconfident at counting – and have difficulty deciding who has the highest number of strawberries they can simply measure the length of the berries that have been collected on each shoe-lace. The longest string of strawberries is the winner (see illustration).