

Notes for *One Less Bingo*

Level: Pre-K-1

Recommended # of Players: Unlimited

Materials: *One Less* or *One More* game boards (one per player); chips (15-20 per player); standard die (1-6)

Math Skills: Addition or subtraction of 1; spatial relationships

Mathematical benefits:

One More or *One Less* are fairly simple versions of Bingo and are suitable for children who have learned how to play games. An added challenge of these games are adding or subtracting 1 from the numbers 1-6. Because each child has a game board and can place a chip on their board at every turn, all players are active throughout the game. This means that many children can play at once without losing patience having to wait too long for a turn. Children also must use their spatial reasoning and strategy. Players must evaluate all the possible boxes they can place their chip and decide which box will be most beneficial for them.

One Less Bingo

Materials: One Less game boards for each player, about 15-20 chips for each player, die (numbers 1-6)

Objective: To be the first person to complete a row of five chips vertically, horizontally, or diagonally on your board.

To play:

1. Players decide who will be first.
2. Players take turns rolling the die and announcing the number that is one less than the number rolled. For example, if a player rolls a 4, he or she announces a 3 ($4 - 1 = 3$).
3. All players cover up the number called on their game board with a chip. Only one number can be covered each time a number is called, even if players have more than one of the number on their boards.
4. The game ends when a player creates a row of 5 chips on his or her game board.



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0	2	5	3	4
3	0	5	4	1
4	1	2	5	3
0	5	1	2	0
2	0	3	1	2

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4	3	2	1	5
2	0	3	4	3
5	1	0	5	2
4	3	1	5	0
0	2	4	1	3

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2	4	0	2	5
4	3	1	2	3
1	3	5	0	0
0	1	5	4	5
4	2	3	2	1

One Less

5	4	2	3	0
1	4	0	2	4
0	5	1	3	5
0	4	2	1	0
1	2	5	3	4