

Slap down numbers

Action game

Objectives

- To practise saying the numbers one to ten
- To listen carefully
- To respond quickly to recognition of numbers in Welsh

Setting up the game

- Players are in pairs, sitting at a table, or where they can put their hands down quickly onto a flat surface.

Geiriau allweddol – Key words

un	one
dau	two
tri	three
pedwar	four
pump	five
chwech	six
saith	seven
wyth	eight
naw	nine
deg	ten

How to play the game

1. Toss a coin to decide who starts. Both players have their hands on their heads to begin the game.
2. Choose one player to start first. Both players count together in Welsh slowly.
3. When the counting reaches the number that player one has decided to stop at, he slaps his hands down, and spreads out the appropriate number of fingers on the table. For example the counting goes: 'un ... dau ... tri ...' but on 'pedwar' he slaps his hand down showing four fingers. Encourage the children to use both hands.
4. Player two must respond as quickly as possible by putting her hands down too, BUT she too must only put down the correct number of fingers, i.e. in this case only four.
5. If she puts the correct number of fingers down, then she becomes the caller. If she is not correct then player one continues to make the number choices.

Extension/variation

- The game can be made more challenging by counting up in twos, by counting backwards or by counting very quickly.

