

Cooperative Buzz

Host card | 3-10 players | Approx. 5-10 minutes | 1.0.0

Count around the circle, replacing selected numbers with "buzz." Work toward a shared target and help repair mistakes.

Bring and set up

Optional paper for the target and rule.

Start with a target of twenty. Explain the current rule and practise the first ten numbers together.

The host points to the next player in order. A player can ask the group for help; nobody leaves the game for a mistake.

How to play

1. On a turn, say the next number unless the current rule says to replace it with buzz. Each turn advances the count by one, even after buzz.
2. If someone makes a mistake, stop, say the number and reason together, then replay that turn correctly and continue.
3. At the target, start a new round with the next person. Use only one announced rule per round unless everyone agrees to the combined challenge.

Multiples of five

The sequence is 1, 2, 3, 4, buzz, 6, 7, 8, 9, buzz. The turn after buzz at ten is eleven. Fifteen is also buzz; a mistaken spoken fifteen is corrected and the next player continues with sixteen.

Three-part session

1. Fives to twenty: Say buzz for numbers divisible by five. All other numbers are spoken normally.
2. Threes to thirty: Say buzz for numbers divisible by three. Reset to one and give a different player the first turn.
3. Sevens to thirty: Say buzz for multiples of seven OR numbers containing the digit 7. Use one buzz even when both conditions apply.

Offer support

Keep the numbers visible and mark the buzz positions in advance. A child may point while a partner speaks.

If something goes wrong

Do not switch rules during a round. If a player says buzz without explaining why when asked, show the current number and check the announced rule together.

Finish together

Reach the target, then ask two players to explain different buzz positions. Correct reasoning is the shared goal.

Party Puzzle Parcel | Free host materials | Adult-led session; time is a planning estimate.

Rules reference: Project Gutenberg 25660; buzz. Original modern host instructions.