

Dancing Dots

Standards K.CC.5, K.OA.1

Why Reinforce counting strategies of up to 10 objects in diverse arrangements; visualize addition within 10.

Materials (per group of 2-3 students)

- Game boards (3)
- Instructions page
- 24 Dancing Dots cards


ELL Support

- Use gestures as appropriate when demonstrating the game.
- Invite the child to restate the game instructions to you, or another player, to ensure clear expectations on directions.

After the demo, ask:

- *When we flip over a card what do we do?*
- *Do we say the number of dots out loud?*
- *When we fill the three spaces under a number, what do we do?*

As students play, ask:

- *How did you know that card had 9 dots?*
- For cards that imply addition, such as , ask *What number sentence could match this dot card?*

Demonstrate the Game Stack the top of the deck with the 4, 4, 5, and 4 cards, in that order. Layout the three game boards. Select one student to play a practice round.

- *This game is called Dancing Dots. What do you notice?*
Point out the numbers 4–10.
- *The goal is for us to work **together** to fill the spaces under each number.*
- Flip over the first card. *There's one, two, three, four dots on this card. So I'll put it in an open space under the 4.*
- Ask the student to flip over the next card and count the four dots out loud, then place on the next space under the 4. *We've almost filled up all the spaces under the 4!*
- Flip over the next card. *There's one, two, three, four, five dots on this card. So where should I put it?* Put the card under the 5.
- Ask the student to flip over the next card. See if they will count the dots and place it under the 4 unprompted.
- *Did you fill up all the spaces under the 4? That means you get to pick which Dancing Dot move we'll do!* Let the student pick the dance move.
- *You filled up the 4's, so we'll all dance the move you picked **four** times!*
- Dance like nobody's watching, four times.

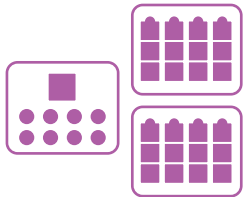
Dancing Dots!

Instructions Page (2-3 players)

Materials and Setup



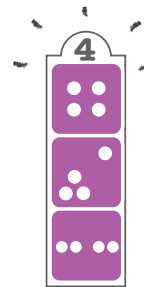
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3 Dancing Dots boards

- Put the boards in front of you so you can see all of them.
- Put the cards face-down on the Cards pile.
- Rock-paper-scissors to see who goes first.

Goal



Work together to fill up the empty space under the numbers.
Do dance moves every time you fill up a number!

On your turn



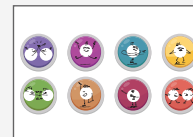
Flip over a card.



Say the number of dots on the card out loud.
"One, two, three, four. My card has four dots."



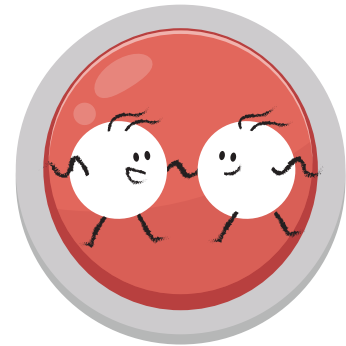
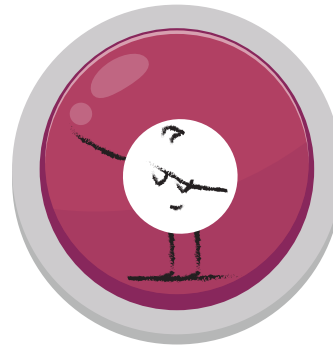
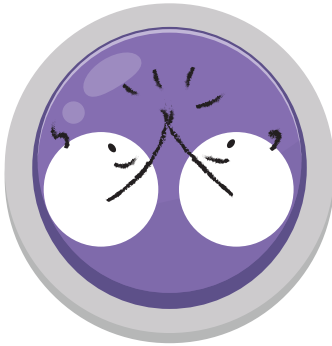
Look for the number 4 on the board.
Put your card in the empty space below the number.



When you fill up all the empty spaces under a number,
choose a Dancing Dot dance move.
Everybody does the dance move that many times!

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Cards



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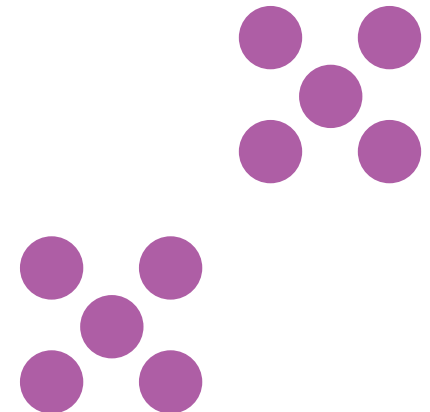
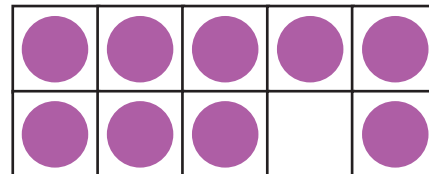
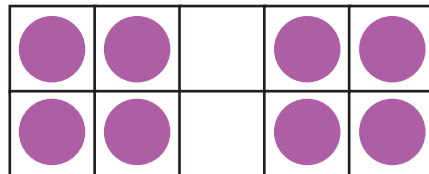
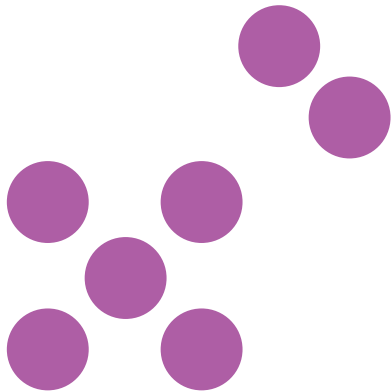
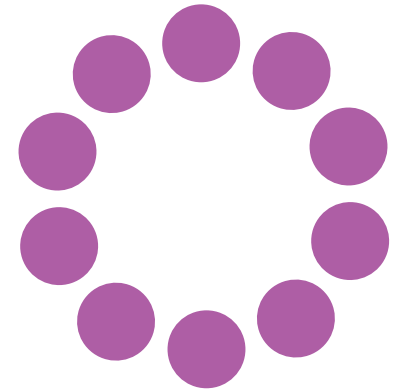
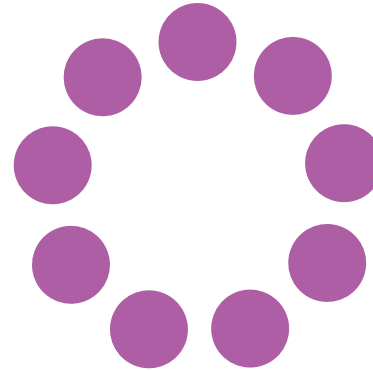
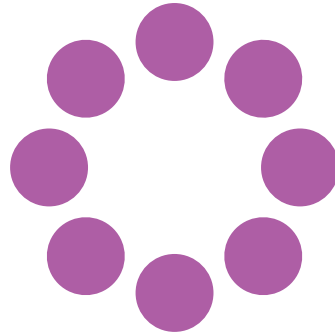
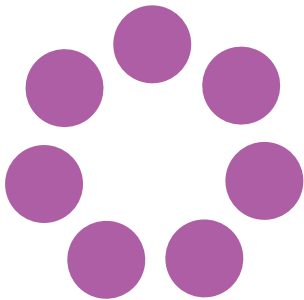
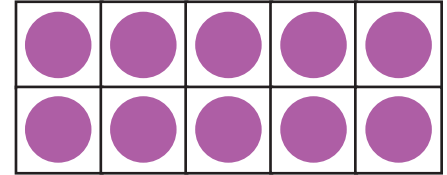
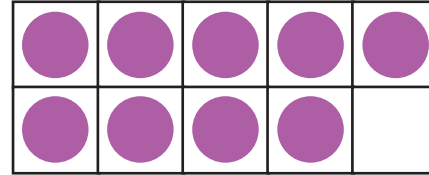
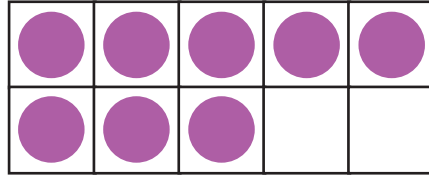
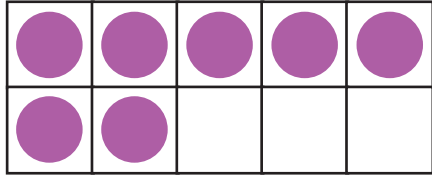
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