

What's Before?, 1-30

I am learning to say the number word just before a given number in the range 1-30.

Materials:

Consecutive numeral cards within the range 1-30; enough so each student will have 3 cards (e.g. for 4 players use 12 cards with a range such as numbers 13 to 24; for 3 players use 9 cards with a range such as numbers 17 to 25)

Directions:

1. Deal all the cards to the two to five players so each player will have 3 cards within the range 1-30, not necessarily starting at 1 (player one may have 14, 18, 20 and player two may have 15, 17, 21, etc.).
2. Each player studies the cards in his/her hand and lays down the largest numeral card. The teacher checks each player's decision.
3. Looking at the cards on the table, the group decides which card is the largest.
4. The largest card on the table stays, while the other cards are returned to the players' hands from which they came.
5. Play now continues as the students place the remaining numeral cards in backward sequence, one by one, on top of the numeral card showing, until all of the cards are played.
6. The player with the last card in the sequence is the winner.