

The last counter

Material: 15 counters

Players: Two

Rules: Put fifteen counters on the table. The first player decides to take one or two counters. Players take turns removing one or two counters until one of the players is left with the last counter. The other player wins the game.

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Note to parents:

The last counter is a game of strategy that uses mental math and the concept of subtraction. When your child has played the game a few times, you can ask the following questions:

- “Have you found a strategy to help you win the game?”
- Do you prefer to start or to go second? Why?
- At what point in the game can you tell who will win?”

If the game seems too easy, players can take one, two or three counters.

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- ▶▶ reasoning
- ▶▶ mental math and subtraction