

# Noughts & Crosses

## Instructions

### Equipment needed (per player):

- 1 pen or pencil
- A print out of the Noughts & Crosses board (download and print out)

### Players:

2

(can alternatively be played in 2 small teams)

### Tip:

Sometimes, a practice game can help players understand the rules of the game!

### Before playing:

Make sure each player has a Noughts & Crosses playing sheet (download and print out).

Assign each player either noughts (O) or crosses (X).

### Aim of the game:

The aim of the game is to be the first to get three noughts/crosses in a row!

## How to play:

Player One starts by drawing a nought (or cross, if they are playing with crosses) in one of the nine possible spaces. They can use the letters and numbers around the edges of the board to tell Player Two in which space they drew a nought, in this case, “C2”, so that they can fill this out on their board too .

	A	B	C
1			
2			○
3			

Player Two then takes their turn, drawing a cross in one of the spaces. Again, the letters and numbers can be used to tell Player One in what space they took their turn, here “B3”.

	A	B	C
1			
2			○
3		×	

The players both take turns until there is either a draw, or one of them completes a line of three!

	A	B	C
1	×	○	○
2	×		○
3		×	○

## Important!

Lines can be vertical, horizontal or diagonal.

	A	B	C
1	×	○	○
2	×		○
3		×	○

vertical

	A	B	C
1		○	○
2	○	○	×
3	×	×	×

horizontal

	A	B	C
1	○		
2	×	○	×
3	×	×	○

diagonal

## **Extra tips for effective game play:**

- You can save paper by using everyday objects, such as coins or buttons, instead of drawing on the board.
- Have patience! When playing games over the phone, it's inevitable that at some point, confusion can occur and people are no longer sure in which space everyone has taken their turn. Taking the time to solve the problem will mean you will have more fun in the long run!