

Run sheet, My Turn, Your Turn

Goal. Every girl takes a turn, waits while she watches the wait shrink, and hands it on.

Before you start

- One thing to pass per circle of four: a stone, a paper strip, a crumpled ball. At each place: Sheet A and Sheet B, a pencil or one between two.
- **Waiting is hard at this age, and it is a skill, not good behaviour.** Nobody is out, nobody wins, no prize.
- Ran I Can Ask last week? Today the skill is waiting, not asking.

The clock, 30 minutes

- 0 to 10 min: one thing, one turn, and the room counts to five
- 10 to 18 min: circles of four, fingers down
- 18 to 24 min: the longer wait, and the turn-caller
- 24 to 30 min: sheets, and close

Run 30, or 45 with mostly four-year-olds. In 45: 0 to 14, 14 to 25, 25 to 35, 35 to 45. In 60: 0 to 18, 18 to 32, 32 to 46, 46 to 60. Longer clocks add turns, not content. Every girl leaves with both sheets.

What you do

1. Hold up the thing: "One turn is one small job. Watch mine." Tap it twice and hand it on. Say: "Waiting is hard, so we practise it. Nobody is out and nobody wins."
2. Take a turn while the room counts aloud to five. Stop on five, hand it on. Then sit the girls in circles of four, one thing each: the holder taps twice, her circle counts to five, she hands it on with "your turn".
3. Show the waiting hand: a girl not holding it holds up one finger per turn before hers, and drops one each time the thing moves.
4. Go round. Ask a waiting girl: "How many fingers left?" Count them down with her, aloud.
5. Join two circles into one of eight, same rules: "More fingers now, or fewer?" Give one girl the turn-caller job: she says "next", the thing moves, she holds it last.
6. Hand out the sheets. Sheet A: draw your turn, mark the box once per wait. Sheet B: draw who you handed it to, make your card.
7. Close in one circle. Send the thing round once. Each girl says "my turn", takes her turn, says "your turn".

Watch for

1. A girl puts a finger down when the thing moves, without being told.
2. A girl hands the thing on at five instead of holding on.
3. A waiting girl says a number aloud when you ask how many turns are left.

What goes wrong most. A girl takes the thing before her fingers are down. Put it back in your hand, count her fingers down with her, and let the circle pass it on when they are gone.

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