

Incey Wincey Spider Game

Resources

Game board, suitable die or spinner and counter with a spider drawn or pasted onto it.

[Note there are two boards, one for use with an ordinary die – dotted or numbered – or spinner, the other for those numbered with just 1 – 2 – 3.]

Activity

Start by saying the rhyme.

Incey Wincey Spider
Climbing up the spout;
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine
And dried up all the rain;
Incey Wincey Spider
Climbing up again.

Two children take turns in throwing the die. One is the 'sunshine' and counts up the drainpipe and the other is the 'rain' counting down. The one who reaches the end first is the winner.

Questions to ask

Let's say the Incey Wincey Spider rhyme.

Who is going to be the rain and who is going to be the sunshine?

Do you know which way the rain/sunshine moves?

Are you at the top/bottom?

Who won?

Who will win next time? How do you know?

Possible observations

Counting and moving reliably.

Recognition of number (numeral or dots).

Remembering to count up or down.

Being able to take turns.

(You may like to download and print off one of the observations sheets.)

Follow-up

Some children might like to draw their own drainpipe and/or spider.

A simple version of another race game.

Build a 'house' or a web for a spider.

Look at some pictures or real spiders.