

Transition Activities: Waiting in Line Games & Activities to Play w/Children

1. **Counting Box:** Gather the following materials for playing a counting game: small box or plastic container, stickers to use to decorate box, small plastic objects (can be purchased at the dollar store) or other figurines and two dice. Children roll the dice to determine how many plastic objects/figurines to count out from the box. Continue to play until all of the objects have been removed and counted from the box.
2. **Colored Lights:** Use a flashlight with a colored piece of cellophane attached around the light with a rubber band. Give children directions to move to the light when you turn it on and direct it towards different locations on the ground.
3. **Color Match with Wands:** Prepare several wands. Each wand should be a different color. As children get in line, give them a wand to walk another child an exchange the wand with because they are wearing the same color as the wand. Give each child a choice of the color of the wand they would like to hold. Continue until all children are standing in line.
4. **Clothes Bingo:** Prepare a Bingo card for children to match a color of clothing on it as they arrive to stand in line. When the card is all filled up, everyone yells, "Bingo".
5. **Circle Spinner Board with Numbers:** Give each child in line a chance to move the spinner on the board to a particular number and then choose an action to do while counting. For example, the child selects number #5 and clapping. All children clap and count to five.
6. **Stringing a plastic or cardboard shape or necklace:** Give child a dice to roll and see how many holes the child will put in the shape or string objects on a necklace string.
7. **Dice with Pegboard:** Give child a dice and have child roll dice to see how many pegs to put in board. When board is filled with pegs, game is over.
8. **Shoe Box with Dice and Poker Chips:** Create a box with a yogurt container inserted in one side of the box and a slit cut in the opposite of the box. Child rolls dice to see how many chips will be moved from the cup to the slit in the box.
9. **Tambourine Attendance:** Encourage each child to tap the tambourine one time as they line up.

10. Draw a person with Chalk: Each person in line draws one item on the outline of a person's body or an animal's body. Teacher draws the outline of the body and children fill it in with different parts and/or clothing. This can become a very silly game. Children take turns drawing parts and the teacher prompts the next child with, "I wonder what you're going to add to the ____?"