

## Hoop Game Instructions

**Goal:** To toss a small set of bean bags and subitize and label the quantity of bean bags landing inside/outside a hula hoop or other defined space

**Materials:** Hula hoop (or other defined space on the floor); bean bags; tape to mark where to stand; (optional) paper with a circle to record toss results

**Number of Players:** 2 or 3 children

### Directions:

1. Children take turns standing at the tape line and tossing a small set of bean bags, one by one, into a hula hoop lying on the ground.
2. You may want to start with 3 bean bags per turn, then try 4, and then 5. Each child throws the whole set and then subitizes and labels how many landed inside the hoop and how many landed outside the hoop.
3. Then, it is the next child's turn to toss the beans bags. There is no need to keep a running score; children will naturally compare round to round.
4. This game provides practice with decomposing small quantities. With practice, children will come to internalize the combinations that make 3, 4, and 5. You may want to provide a paper with a circle and ask children to record one or more of their tosses.

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