



SIBLING FUN FRIDAYS

Dots & Boxes

A quick, no-prep game for two — all you need is paper and a pen

What You Need

- A pen or pencil (2 colors if you have them)
- A blank sheet of paper (you can use GOOS paper to reduce waste!)
- A sibling, friend, or family member

How to Play

1. Draw a grid of dots, evenly spaced (rows and columns) or print out the grid provided.
2. Players take turns drawing **ONE line** connecting **two dots** that are next to each other
 - straight up/down or side to side, **never diagonal**.
3. If a line completes all 4 sides of a small box, that player writes their initial inside it and gets to draw a line again!
4. Keep going until every dot is connected and every box is claimed.
5. Count up the boxes, whoever has the most boxes wins!

I Don't Understand the Rules

If you are still not sure how dots & boxes work, no worries! Why not watch a 1 minute video on how to set up and play the game: https://youtu.be/FKv5KBzFW_s?si=jD587Aw9jvj_8ULa or search up: “How to Play Dots and Boxes” on YouTube



Sibling Tips

Try planning a few moves ahead — sometimes it's smarter to give up a small box now so you don't hand your opponent a bigger chain later!

Don't waste the paper! You can play multiple rounds on the same sheet of grid paper, just skip a row or a column and continue.

Why We Love This One

Dots & Boxes is quick to learn, needs zero setup, and works anywhere — the car, a waiting room, the kitchen table. It's a perfect way to spend a few minutes with your siblings and have some fun!



Dots & Boxes Playsheet

Player 1 name: _____

Player 2 name: _____

Player 1 colour: _____

Player 2 colour: _____

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