

GOBBLET GOBBLERS

RULES

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2. Choose a color – orange or blue – and collect the playing pieces.
3. You can do one of two things on a turn:
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 - 2) Move one of your Gobblers already on the board to a different spot.
4. Once you touch a Gobbler on the board, you have to move it.
5. GOAL: The winner is the person who gets three Gobblers of their color in a row!

Couple things to consider:

- *You can gobble your own or your opponent's pieces.
- *You can gobble any smaller sized piece; it doesn't have to be the next size down.

THINK ABOUT WHILE YOU'RE PLAYING

First, spend some time **exploring** the game!

Then, consider some of the following questions:

- *Is it better to be the first or second player?
- *How did you figure out your next move?
- *What's one good idea you shared with your partner?
- *What did you do to **not** give your opponent an advantage?
- *What Tic Tac Toe strategy helps you play Gobblet Gobblers?
- *What new strategies did you need to use in order to win?

EXTRA CHALLENGE

1. What are all the unique opening moves for the first player?
2. Is there a way to set up 3 different ways to win?

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First, **make up a new rule** for Gobblet Gobblers!

Next, **play** with your new rule. Pay attention to how it changes your strategies and the game itself.

Then, **consider** some of the following questions:

- *How did you play differently at the beginning of your game?
- *How did your new rule improve the game? Did you have to revise it?
- *What's one good idea you shared with your partner?
- *Was it easier or harder to win? Why?
- *What new strategies did you need to use in order to win?

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1. How many "spaces" are there to play in Gobblet Gobblers – how is this different, but related to Tic Tac Toe?
2. Is there a way to set up 3 different ways to win?