

Race to the Brain Game Instructions

What you need

- The gameboard. Players can choose which side of the board to use.
- 1 counter or game piece for each player. Any counters will work, but as the game board is all about the hearing pathway, it makes sense to provide counters which have a corresponding sound e.g, a dog, a drum, a motorbike etc.
- The student's latest audiogram.
- One standard six-sided die is best to use with 2 or more players. A die that has the numbers 1-3 dice slows the game down and allows more cards to be discussed.
- The 3 decks of cards outlined below and the Data Collection sheet.

The Decks of Cards



This deck focuses on hearing levels, listening conditions, anatomy & hygiene.

What would you do?

This deck focuses on building self-advocacy and confidence in different situations. These cards generate discussions around the pros and cons of potential courses of action as well as providing the perfect opportunity for role-play.



This deck focuses on understanding equipment, audiological tests, and professionals involved in audiological care. Depending on the age of the players, you can name what the picture is or give a description of it for the other players to guess.

How to play

- Youngest player starts.
- Take it in turns to roll the die. The player moves their counter the number of spaces rolled.
- The player chooses a card depending on what color their counter lands on. Cards are read aloud to generate discussion as explained above. Each card has questions in three levels of difficulty. It is up to the educator to decide which level of question to ask, or whether to ask more than one question per card based on the student's learning goals.
- 'Miss a Go' – This player misses their next turn.
- '3+' - This player moves forward three spaces.
- 'Play an ear drum solo' – this player plays a drum beat on the table, typically using fingers as drumsticks. Other players listen and repeat the pattern heard.
- The first to reach the brain wins!
- At the end of the game use the 'Data Collection' sheet to monitor progress in learning.