

Rules of the Game

The Case of the Missing Carrots

Setting Up

1. The child* assembles the puzzle pieces to build the game board, with help if necessary.
2. Make a pile with all the **Question cards** and place it nearby.
3. Place a **Culprit card** face-down on the final square. Alternatively, one **Culprit card** can be handed out to each player.
4. You and the child each choose a **Detective token** and place it on the arrow.

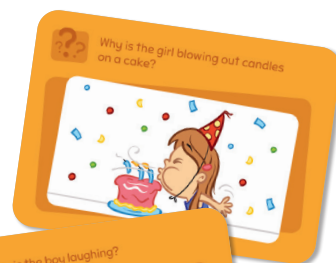


Playing the Game

1. The youngest child goes first by rolling the die and moving the **Detective token** forward the number of spaces indicated on the die.
2. After the child has moved, take a **Question card** from the top of the deck, show the front of the card to the child, and read the question.
3. The child tries to answer the question. If the child answers correctly, give them the **Question card** and show them the back to confirm their answer. If the child gives a wrong answer, or struggles to answer, you can provide hints (see "Helping children understand questions during gameplay" in the **Instructional Guide**).**
4. If the child still finds it difficult to answer, show them the back of the **Question card**. The child can then see the answer and say it in their own words. If they can't do it on their own, you can help. To end the turn, place the **Question card** on the bottom of the deck.
5. The next player (clockwise) then rolls the die and follows the steps detailed above. Adult players should read the question out loud and then check the back of the card after answering. When a token lands on an occupied space, it is placed beside the first player's piece.
6. The game continues until a player reaches the vegetable patch by rolling a number equal to or greater than the number of spaces between the player and the patch. The winner then turns over the **Culprit card** to find out who is responsible for the missing carrots, and explains what is pictured on the card to the other players. If you are playing the "one card per player" variant of the game, the game continues until all of the players have entered the vegetable patch. That way, nobody loses.



Culprit



Questions on the front



Answers on the back

*The word "child" is used here to mean one or more children near the game's target age range.

**The cards contain suggested correct answers, but any answer that makes sense is valid.