



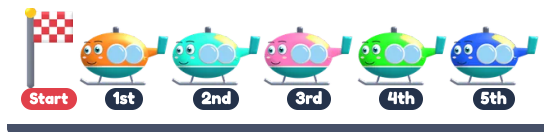
Landing Line-Up

Ordinal numbers · Ages 5 to 9 · Goes with Whirly's Number Rescue, Episode 3: Landing Line-Up

Whirr, whirr! Welcome back, sky friend! My helicopter friends are lining up on the runway for the Great Sky Show. Pick your rider, then finish all 7 flights to earn your Ordinal Number Rescue Wings!

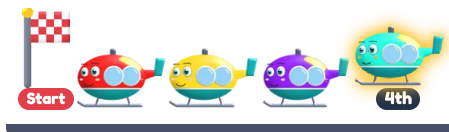
Whirly's flight card

Ordinal numbers



Ordinal numbers tell us the position, or place, of something in order.

How many or which place?



Four tells us how many helicopters there are. Fourth tells us which place the teal helicopter is in.

The short way



The short way uses the last two letters of the word. First is 1st. Second is 2nd. Third is 3rd. Fourth is 4th.

Tricky spellings



Watch out for the tricky spellings: fifth, eighth, ninth, twelfth and twentieth.

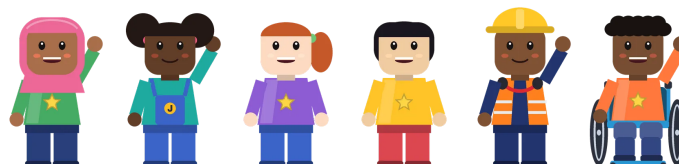
Where does the line start?



Always know where you start counting. This line starts at the flag on the right, so the green helicopter is second.

Our chant: Start at the flag, then point and say! First, second, third, fourth, fifth, hooray!

For grown-ups: Watch the video together first. Then work through the 7 flights, one or two a day. Read the instructions aloud if your child is still learning to read. Every flight has an answer on the last page, with a short reason you can share. Cut out the question cards for the board game.





Short Way Sort

Look at the last two letters of each place. Tick the ending of its short way.



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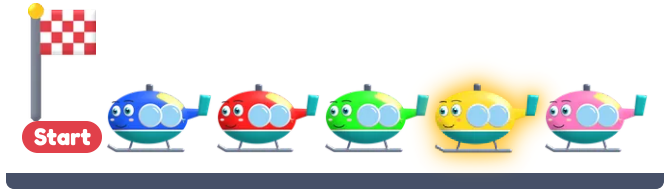
How does the short way end?

first

☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

2

Which place is the yellow helicopter? How does its short way end?



☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

3

How does the short way end?

second

☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

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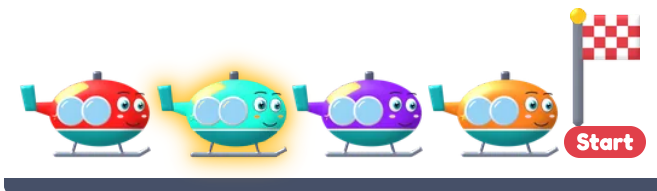
How does the short way end?

ninth

☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

5

Which place is the purple helicopter? How does its short way end?



☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

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How does the short way end?

twelfth

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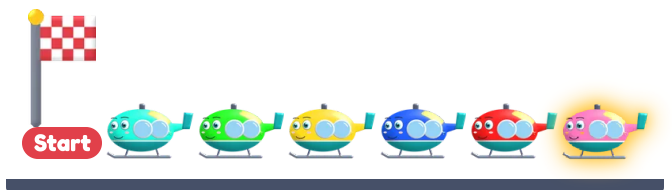
How does the short way end?

eighth

☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th

8

Which place is the pink helicopter? How does its short way end?



☐ st, nd or rd ☐ Ends in th



Runway Fix-Up

Fill each gap. Then find the one sign Buzz wrote wrong, circle it, and fix it.



- 1 Which place fills the gap? Write it in the box.

1st > 2nd > > 4th

- 2 Which word is spelled the right way? Write it in the box.

sixth > seventh > > ninth

- 3 Which word is spelled the right way? Write it in the box.

tenth > eleventh >

- 4  Buzz says: "Bzzz! I painted the short way under every word. Look how neat!"
One sign is wrong. Circle the sign Buzz got wrong. Write the right label under it.

first

1st

third

3th

fifth

5th

seventh

7th

tenth

10th

twentieth

20th

Why was Buzz wrong? Write the right short way.

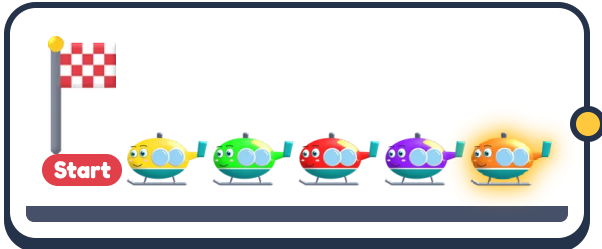
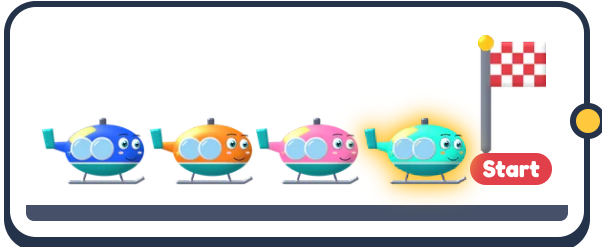
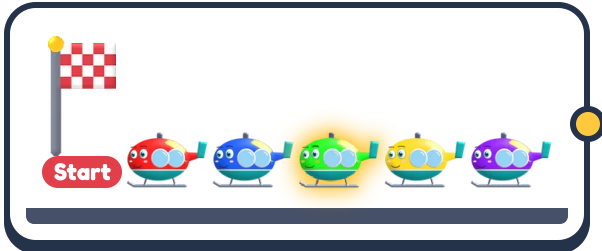
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Place Match

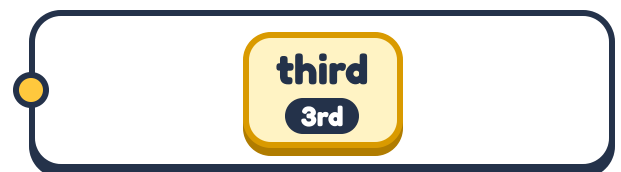
Start at the flag. Count to the helicopter with the circle. Draw a line to its place.



Lines



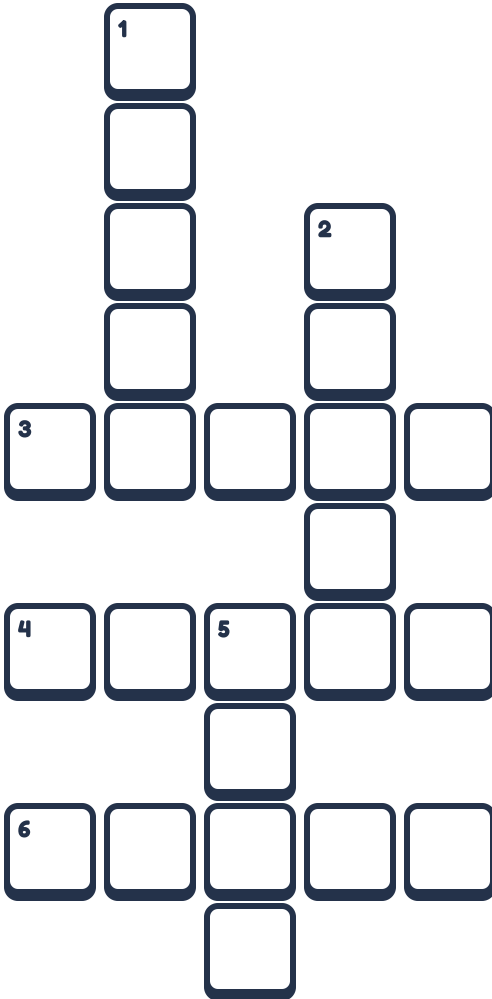
Places





Sky Words Crossword

Read each clue and look at its picture. Write one letter in each box.



9th

1 down · 5 letters

Tricky one! Drop the E in nine, then add T, H.

1st

2 down · 5 letters

The short way to write it is 1st. It ends in S, T.

3rd

3 across · 5 letters

The short way to write it is 3rd. It ends in R, D.

5th

4 across · 5 letters

Tricky one! The V, E in five changes to F. Then add T, H.



5 down · 4 letters

On the runway, the line starts at the ____.



6 across · 5 letters

Ordinal numbers tell us the position, or ____, of something in order.

Word bank: FIFTH · FIRST · FLAG · NINTH · PLACE · THIRD

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Tricky Word Hunt

Answer each clue and write the word in the boxes. Then find the word in the grid and color it in. Words go across → or down ↓ only.



B	T	E	N	T	H	G	Z
Q	P	B	L	Z	J	W	F
J	T	W	E	L	F	T	H
L	D	E	I	G	H	T	H
W	P	D	Q	W	L	X	F
J	M	F	C	J	Q	Z	J
S	E	C	O	N	D	B	Q
K	W	M	Q	F	D	J	F

2nd

The short way is 2nd. It ends in N, D.

8th

Eight already ends in T, so we only add H.

12th

The V, E in twelve changes to F, then we add T, H.

10th

The place right after ninth.

Stuck? Here are the words, upside down: second · eighth · twelfth · tenth



Think Like a Co-Pilot

Answer each question. Then explain why. Co-pilots always explain!



"Six friends are lined up at the door. Rio is third from the door. Is Rio third from the end of the line, too?"



Step 1. Is Rio third from the end of the line, too?

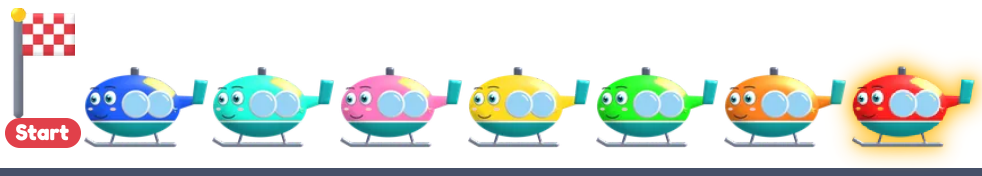
☐ Yes, Rio is third from both ends ☐ No, Rio is fourth from the end

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



"Seven helicopters landed. The red one landed last. Which place is it in?"



Step 1. Which place is the red helicopter in?

☐ First ☐ Sixth ☐ Seventh

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



"Buzz says the word for 12th is spelled T, W, E, L, V, E, T, H. Is Buzz right?"

12th

twelveth

Step 1. Is Buzz right?

☐ Yes, it is twelveth ☐ No, it is twelfth

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



Great Sky Show Race

A game for 2 to 4 players. You need a die (or number cards 1 to 6) and a coin or button for each player.



20 finish	19 down to 12	18 question card	17	16
11 zoom up to 17	12	13	14 question card	15 down to 8
10 question card	9	8	7 zoom up to 13	6
1 start	2	3 zoom up to 9	4	5 question card

How to play: Roll and move. Land on 🌈, 🛸 or ★? Another player reads you a question card.
 🌈 Answer right to zoom up. 🛸 Answer right to fly past Buzz, or slide down. ★ Answer right to roll again. First to the 🏆 wins!

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Question Cards

Cut out the cards and put them face down in a pile. The answer is printed upside down at the bottom.



★ Question 1

What is the short way to write third?

3th **3rd** **3d**

Answer: 3rd

★ Question 2

Count from the flag. Which place is the glowing helicopter?



second **third** **fourth**

Answer: third

★ Question 3

Which word means 8th?

8th
eighthth **eighth** **eighth**

Answer: eighth

★ Question 4

The flag is on the right. Which place is the glowing helicopter?



first **third** **fourth**

Answer: fourth

★ Question 5

Which word tells a place in line?

six **sixth** **sixty**

Answer: sixth

★ Question 6

What is the short way to write twentieth?

20th **20st** **20nd**

Answer: 20th

★ Question 7

Which place comes right after ninth?

9th
eighth **tenth** **eleventh**

Answer: tenth

★ Question 8

Which place comes right before fifth?

5th
fourth **sixth** **third**

Answer: fourth

★ Question 9

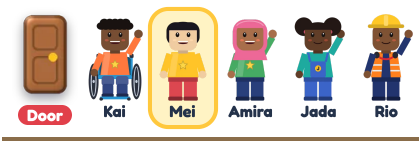
Which word means 5th?

5th
fiveth **fifth** **fivth**

Answer: fifth

★ Question 10

Count from the door. Which place is Mei in?



first **second** **fifth**

Answer: second



Rescue Wings Earned!



earned the **Ordinal Number Rescue Wings**

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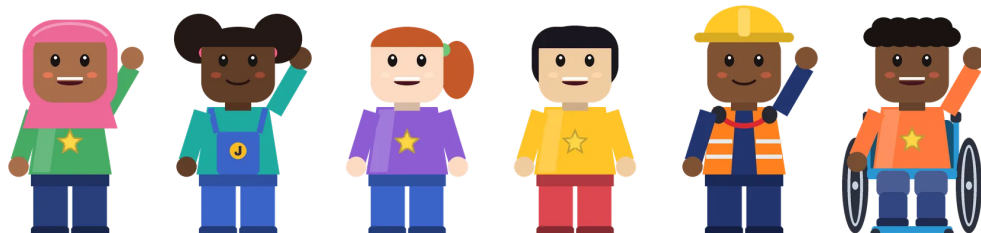
Always know where you start counting.

Our chant: Start at the flag, then point and say! First, second, third, fourth, fifth, hooray!

How does this math feel now? Color one.

☐ I need more practice ☐ I am getting there ☐ I can teach it!

Date _____ Signed _____



Answer Key

1. Short Way Sort

1. st, nd or rd: First ends in S, T. We write 1st.
2. Ends in th: Yellow is fourth from the flag. Fourth ends in T, H. We write 4th.
3. st, nd or rd: Second ends in N, D. We write 2nd.
4. Ends in th: Ninth ends in T, H. We write 9th.
5. st, nd or rd: This line starts at the flag on the right. Purple is third. Third ends in R, D. We write 3rd.
6. Ends in th: Twelfth ends in T, H. We write 12th.
7. Ends in th: Eighth ends in T, H. We write 8th.
8. Ends in th: Pink is sixth from the flag. Sixth ends in T, H. We write 6th.

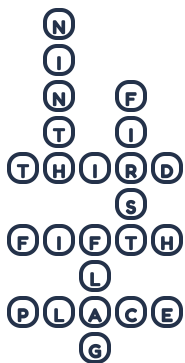
2. Runway Fix-Up

1. 3rd. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Third ends in R, D.
2. eighth. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth. Eight already ends in T, so we only add H.
3. twelfth. Tenth, eleventh, twelfth. Just like five and fifth, the V, E changes to F.
4. Buzz's mistake: third should say 3rd. Third ends in R, D, so we write 3rd.

3. Place Match

Count from the flag: first, second, third. Green is third
The flag is on the right. Teal is next to it, so teal is first
Count from the flag: first, second, third, fourth, fifth. Orange is fifth
The flag is on the right. Red is second
The flag is on the right. Green is fourth

4. Sky Words Crossword



1 down: ninth, 2 down: first, 3 across: third, 4 across: fifth, 5 down: flag, 6 across: place

5. Tricky Word Hunt

second, eighth, twelfth, tenth



6. Think Like a Co-Pilot

1. No, Rio is fourth from the end. Count from the other end: first, second, third, fourth. The place depends on where you start.
2. Seventh. Count from the flag: the red helicopter is the seventh one.
3. No, it is twelfth. Like five and fifth, the V, E in twelve changes to F, then we add T, H.

7. Great Sky Show Race question cards

1. 3rd. Third ends in R, D: 3rd.
2. third. First, second, third!
3. eighth. Eight already ends in T, so we only add H: eighth.
4. fourth. Count from the flag on the right: first, second, third, fourth.
5. sixth. Sixth tells which place. Six tells how many.
6. 20th. Twentieth ends in T, H: 20th.
7. tenth. Ninth, then tenth!
8. fourth. Fourth, then fifth!
9. fifth. The V, E changes to F, then we add T, H: fifth.
10. second. Count from the door: first, second. Mei is second.

Step 3 (how sure?) has no right answer. A child who is right but "not sure" needs one more practice round. A child who is wrong but "very sure" has a mix-up worth talking about.

The short way uses the last two letters of the word: first 1st, second 2nd, third 3rd, then fourth 4th all the way to twentieth 20th.

Tricky spellings: five to fifth, eight to eighth, nine to ninth, twelve to twelfth, twenty to twentieth. Always know where you start counting (the flag, or the door).