



# My First Snakes & Ladders

My First Snakes and Ladders is an early introduction to board games, featuring chunky 3D playing pieces and colourful illustrations

## Contents

• 1 six-piece playing board • 4 two-piece character playing pieces • 4 character discs • 1 dice

When young children are introduced to board games, they can learn about turn taking, winning and losing, identifying numbers and counting spaces. Board games also develop hand-eye coordination and dexterity in rolling the dice and moving the pieces around the board.

### Setting up the game

Assemble the playing board.



Each player chooses a character disc and a matching slot together character. Place the disc in front of you **to remind you which character is yours**, then assemble your character playing piece. Place it on the table, next to the playing board, ready to move onto the space with a 1 on it.



Place the dice where everyone can reach it.



### 1 To play

The youngest player starts by rolling the dice and moving the number of spaces shown.



### 2 If you land on the bottom of a ladder

If you land on the **bottom of a ladder**, move your character to the space at the top of the ladder.

Play passes to the next player.



### 3 If you land on a snake's head

If you land on a **snake's head**, move your character to the space at the bottom of the snake's tail.

Play passes to the next player.



### 4 The winner

The winner is the first player to reach the finish space (the house). You do not need to roll the exact number to win.



When you have finished playing the game, use these fun talkabout points to encourage discussion and extend play value.



#### Counting Skills

- How many caterpillars can you count?
- How many mushrooms are there?
- How many sunflowers can you find?
- How many bees can you spot?

#### Observation

- Can you find a watering can?
- Can you see a ladybird?
- Can you spot something with a beak?
- Can you find an animal with a shell?

#### Colour Recognition

- Can you find a red flower?
- Can you see a pink tortoise?
- Can you spot something yellow?
- Can you find a blue snake?

#### Imaginative Play

- What is a spade used for?
- What kind of noise would the birds make?
- Why would you need a watering can?
- How are the caterpillars and butterflies linked?