

SEARCH FOR THREE

For 2 players

Players take turns drawing a card, looking at the shape on it, selecting three tangram pieces they think will cover the shape, and then trying to cover the shape with the pieces they selected. The players keep the cards if the pieces they selected cover the shapes exactly. The player who has the most cards when the game ends is the winner.

READY You will need the 10 Search for Three cards (pages 32-33).
You will need 1 set of tangrams.

SET Shuffle the cards and put them face down on a draw pile in front of you.
Put the set of tangrams where you can both reach them.
The older player plays first.

PLAY To win, you must be the player who has the most cards when the game ends.
Take turns. Draw a card from the top of the draw pile, and look at the shape on it. Take three tangram pieces that you think you can put together to cover the shape on your card. Try to cover the shape with those three pieces. If they cover the shape, keep the card. Put the pieces back into the set.
If the three pieces do not cover the shape, put the card face up on a discard pile. Put the pieces back into the set.
The game ends when the draw pile is gone. The player who has the most cards when the game ends is the winner. If both players have the same number of cards, both players are winners.

PLAY IT AGAIN Encourage students to make their own sets of cards and to use them in the game. Remind them to use three pieces to make each shape on the cards.





