

Spiral Survivor

Passing Notes · a date-night game

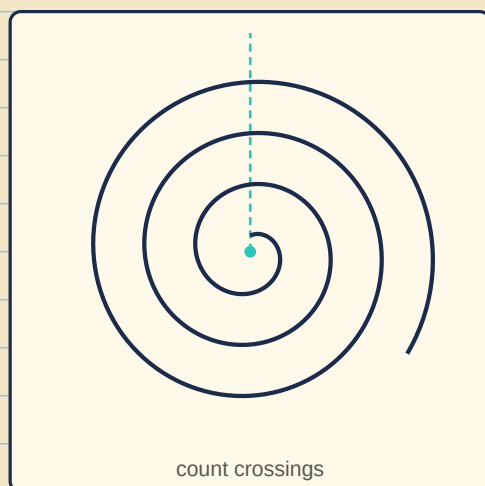
You don't have to agree on a plan. Just agree to play.

2 players · 2–4 min · a pen



Draw a spiral. Count the rings. Cross out every Nth option.

Four survivors. That's tonight.



A4 · color

or play it on a phone: playpassingnotes.com (optional — not required)

How to play

How you get N

1. Pick Zero Thought (printed defaults), Make It Ours (write over any line), or Blank Slate (use the blank sheet).
2. Draw a spiral on the pad. Start near the center.
3. Count how many times your line crosses the spoke (the printed line from the center dot to the top). That number is N. N must be 2 through 20.
4. If you cannot count the crossings, write N yourself. Do not guess for the pad.
5. You need exactly five live options in every category or you do not start.

How you cross out (QA §1.1 — print this block verbatim)

Start at the first option (index 0). Count N live options (the start position is count 1). Cross out that option. Continue from the next live option. Repeat until one live option remains.

Run independently in each category with the same N. Direction is clockwise / down the list.

N must be 2–20. If you counted 1, add a loop or count again. Do not write 2.

Worked count (locked oracle)

L = taco, ramen, pizza, sushi

N = 3

start = taco (index 0)

count-1 = taco, count-2 = ramen, count-3 = pizza → pizza out

live = taco, ramen, sushi; resume at sushi

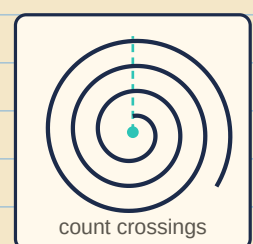
count-1 = sushi, count-2 = taco, count-3 = ramen → ramen out

live = taco, sushi; resume at sushi

count-1 = sushi, count-2 = taco, count-3 = sushi → sushi out

winner = taco

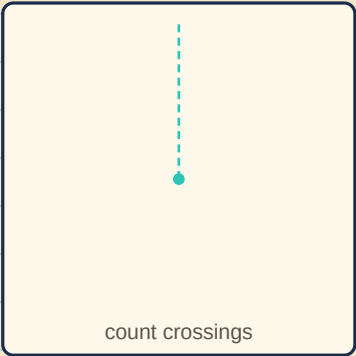
Digital must match this trace. Same options + same N = same four winners and the same elimination order.



Spoke + 3 crossings → N=3

Quick Play · Zero Thought

FOOD	ACTIVITY	GAME	ENTERTAINMENT
1. Diner breakfast-for-dinner	1. Phone-free sunset walk	1. Crazy eights showdown	1. 90s sitcom coin-flip
2. Sheet-pan pizza night	2. Thrift-store scavenger (under \$5)	2. Shared crossword, one pen	2. The movie you both misremember
3. Noodle takeout feast	3. Blanket picnic, anywhere	3. Hallway cup-bowling	3. Record-crate digging
4. Farmers-market graze	4. Bookstore wander + one chapter	4. Two truths, one snack	4. Neighborhood open mic
5. Grilled-cheese cook-off	5. Night drive, mix-CD energy	5. Four-panel notebook comic	5. Short story, read aloud



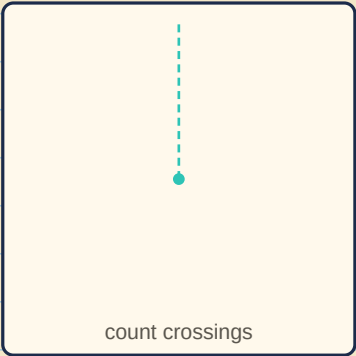
TONIGHT

Same count as the phone game.

Custom Play · Make It Ours

Ghost type is a default. Write over it, or circle it to keep it.

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1. <u>Diner breakfast-for-dinner</u>	1. <u>Phone-free sunset walk</u>	1. <u>Crazy eights showdown</u>	1. <u>90s sitcom coin-flip</u>
2. <u>Sheet-pan pizza night</u>	2. <u>Thrift-store scavenger (under \$5)</u>	2. <u>Shared crossword, one pen</u>	2. <u>The movie you both misremember</u>
3. <u>Noodle takeout feast</u>	3. <u>Blanket picnic, anywhere</u>	3. <u>Hallway cup-bowling</u>	3. <u>Record-crate digging</u>
4. <u>Farmers-market graze</u>	4. <u>Bookstore wander + one chapter</u>	4. <u>Two truths, one snack</u>	4. <u>Neighborhood open mic</u>
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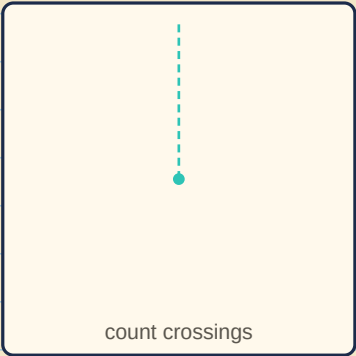
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Blank Slate

No defaults. Write five options in each category. Does not refill.

FOOD	ACTIVITY	GAME	ENTERTAINMENT
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____	5. _____



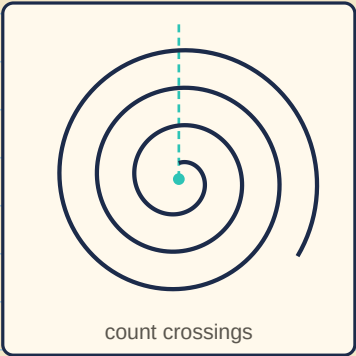
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Completed example · defaults + N=3

F-DEFAULT fixture. Same count as the phone game. Food walk: noodle, diner, grilled-cheese, pizza out.

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1. Diner breakfast for dinner ^{out}	1. Phone-free sunset walk ^{out}	1. Crazy eights showdown ^{out}	1. 90s sitcom coin flip ^{out}
2. Sheet pan pizza night ^{out}	2. Thrift-store scavenger (under \$2) ^{out}	2. Shared crossword, one pen ^{out}	2. The movie you both misremember ^{out}
3. Noodle takeout feast ^{out}	3. Blanket picnic, anywhere ^{out}	3. Hallway cup bowling ^{out}	3. Record crate digging ^{out}
4. Farmers-market graze ☐ survivor	4. Bookstore wander + one chapter ☐ survivor	4. Two truths, one snack ☐ survivor	4. Neighborhood open mic ☐ survivor
5. Grilled-cheese cook-off ^{out}	5. Night drive, mix-CD energy ^{out}	5. Four-panel notebook comic ^{out}	5. Short story, read aloud ^{out}



N
3
2–20

TONIGHT

Tonight: Farmers-market graze · Bookstore wander + one chapter · Two truths, one snack · Neighborhood open mic

Same count as the phone game.

☐ = survivor out = crossed out (never color-only)