FIRST AND GOAL

Subtraction Word Problems

For grades 2-4; Groups of 2

Materials Needed:
The First and Goal game board
Game pieces (cut from bottom of page)
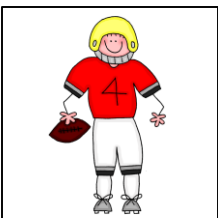
How to Construct:
1. Cut off the rules and game pieces.
2. Laminate the game board onto the front of a manila envelope, and the rules on the back of the envelope. Make sure the envelope is open when it is laminated.
3. Laminate the game pieces.
4. Use scissors to slice open the laminate at the opening of the envelope.
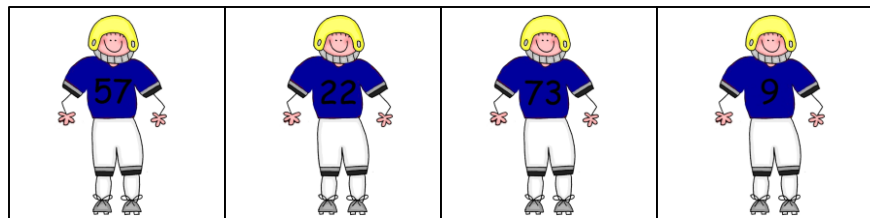5. Store the game pieces in the game board envelope.

How to Play:
1. One person is the offense. Place the quarterback (the one with the ball) on any dark green square on the bottom row.
2. The other person is the defense. Place one lineman on each dark green square along the top row.
3. Place the game cards beside the game board.
4. The offense goes first. Take a card, read the problem out loud, and answer it. Use the answer key to check the answer. If the answer is correct, move the quarterback one adjacent dark green square in any direction. Remember the goal is to make a touchdown without being pinned by the linemen. If the answer is not correct, the quarterback does not move.
5. The defense goes next. Take a card, read it out loud, and answer it. Use the answer key to check the answer. If the answer is correct, choose a lineman and move him down one space, playing only on the dark green squares. Linemen can only move down, not back up. Only one lineman can move per turn. If the answer is not correct, no lineman may move.
6. Play continues until the quarterback makes a touchdown or until the linemen block him from moving.
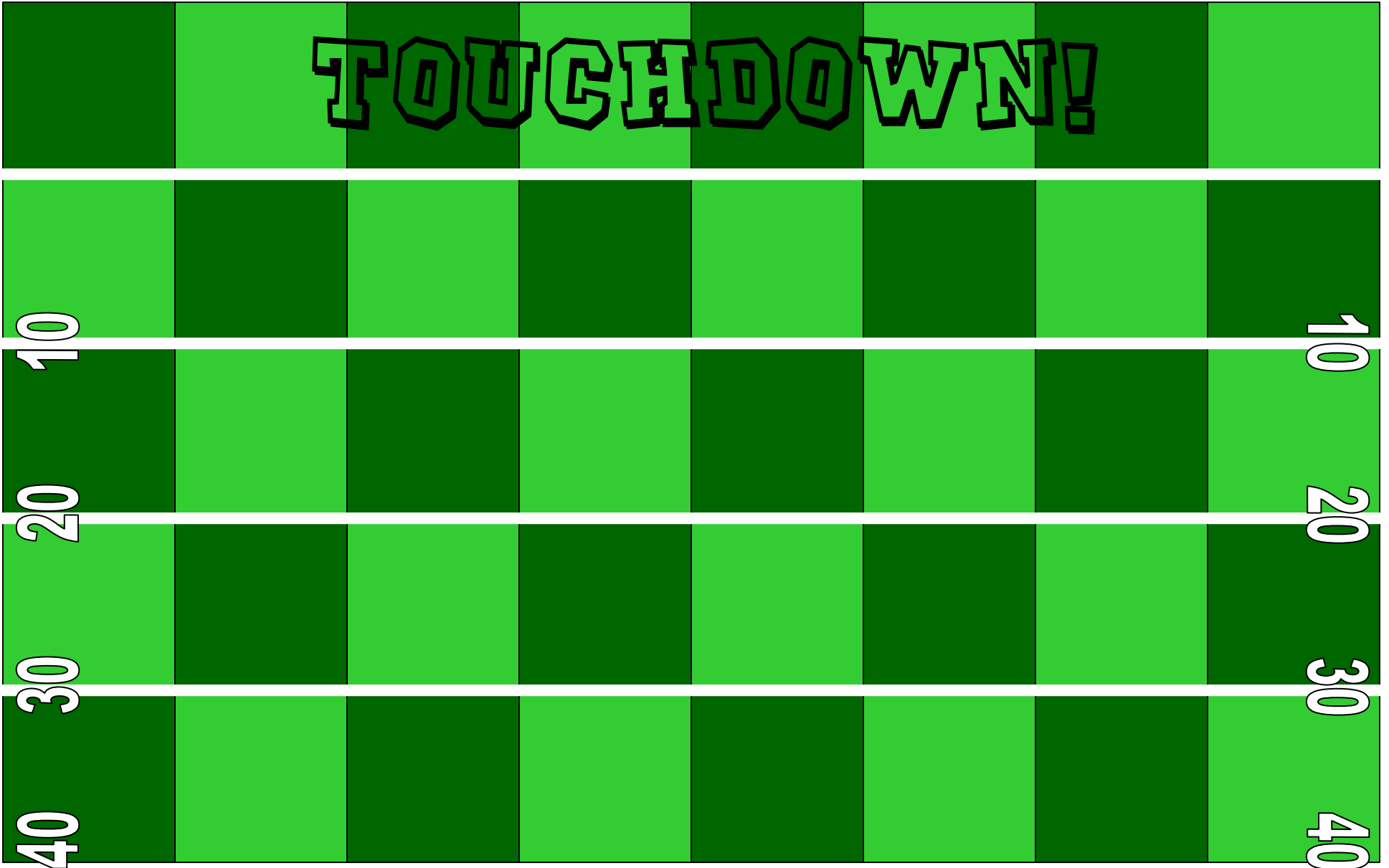
Game Pieces

Offense

Defense

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TOUCHDOWN!

10	10
20	20
30	30
40	40

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How to Play:
1. Offense is placed on one dark green square along the bottom. Defense covers the dark green squares along the top.
2. Game cards are placed face down beside the game board.
3. In turn, each player picks up the top card, reads it aloud, and answers it. If correct, the player may move to one connected dark green space. If the answer is incorrect, the player loses the turn.
4. Offense may move forward and backward. Defense may move only one player at a time, and only forward, not backward.
5. The game is over when either the offense scores a touchdown or the defense blocks the offense from moving.

Answer Key

1- 11 dogs	11- 13 candies
2- 9 years	12- 12 pieces
3- 13 basketball	13- 4 flowers
4- 12 fish	14- 14 petals
5- 22 picture books	15- 4 pens
6- 3 more	16- 7 kids
7- 11 more	17- 4 cookie
8- 23 years	18- 7 problems
9- 6 stickers	19- 21 pages
10- 15 toy cars	20- 5 erasers
	21- 4 people

15 people were invited to the party. Only 11 came. How many people did not come to the party?

21

There were 3 dogs at the park. Later there were 14 dogs. How many more dogs went to the park?

1

Frank is 18 years old. His sister is 9 years old. How many years older is Frank than his sister?

2

Luke has 38 cards. 25 of them are baseball cards and the rest are basketball cards. How many basketball cards does Luke have?

3

Carley has 17 pets. She has 5 cats and the rest are fish. How many fish does Carley have?

4

Roy has 48 books. He has 26 novels and the rest are picture books. How many picture books does Roy have?

5

Mark did 23 word problems. Susan did 26. How many more word problems did Susan do than Mark?

6

There were 8 adults and 19 kids at the party. How many more kids than adults were at the party?

7

Michael is 13. His uncle is 36. How many years younger is Michael than his uncle?

8

Debra had 27 stickers. She gave 21 of them to her friends. How many stickers does Debra have left?

9

Matt had 33 toy cars. He gave some to his friends. Now he has 18 toy cars. How many toy cars did Matt give to his friends?

10

Ernie had 27 candies. He ate 14 candies. How many candies does Ernie have left?

11

Lucy had 18 pieces of candy. She ate some. Now she has 6 pieces. How many pieces of candy did Lucy eat?

12

Alex picked 12 flowers. He dropped 8 of them. How many flowers does Alex have left?

13

A flower had 18 petals. 4 petals fell off. How many petals are left on the flower?

14

Jordan had 6 pens. 2 ran out of ink. How many pens with ink does Jordan have left?

15

13 kids played soccer at recess. 6 kids stopped playing. How many kids are left playing soccer?

16

Olivia had 22 cookies. She gave away 18 cookies. How many cookies does Olivia have left?

17

Cameron had 25 problems for homework. He has finished 18 problems. How many problems does Cameron have left?

18

Sara's book has 38 pages. She has read 17 pages. How many pages does Sara have left to read in her book?

19

Wesley had 8 erasers. He lost 3 of them. How many erasers does Wesley have left?

20