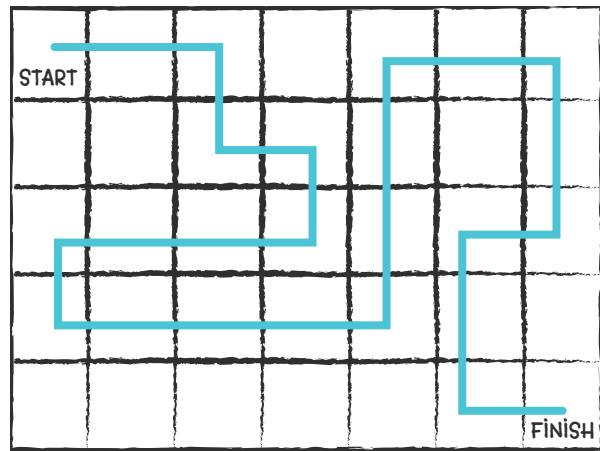


# Codebreaker

**EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS:** One piece of sidewalk chalk. Access to large outdoor area of concrete or asphalt.



## Instructions

1. Use your sidewalk chalk to draw a large rectangle on the ground at least 3-4 metres in width and length.
2. Draw a series of vertical and horizontal lines inside the rectangle to create a grid where each square measures approximately 0.5 metres square.
3. Write “Start” in one square on one side of the grid and “Finish” in another square on the opposite side of the grid.
4. On a piece of paper, draw the grid and trace the secret path that children must follow to go from Start to End. Do not show this paper to the children.
5. Children stand around the square at safe distances.
6. First child steps into the Start square and then takes a step into another square, moving toward the End.
7. If the square is not part of the secret path, tell the child by making a loud “buzzer” sound or other funny noise that indicates they made a misstep. The child must then step out of the grid, and the next child takes a turn at discovering the path. If the square is part of the correct path, the child can continue stepping into new squares until they step into an incorrect square.
8. The game continues with children taking turns until one child finally “breaks the secret code.”

## Variation

You can also play this game indoors using masking tape to create your grid.