

# Narrow It Down

## Playing the game

Narrow It Down helps students form and ask questions on a variety of subjects. It promotes analytical thinking in pre-K–3 students. Two to eight students can play the game on a SMART Table™ interactive learning center.

## Objective

To discard all cards but the secret card, and to be the first to identify the secret card.

## Starting the game

Students pick a subject by touching an icon in the center of the table. Next, an arrow appears, and a student spins it with a finger. When the arrow stops spinning, the student it's pointing to is the *chooser*, and the rest of the students are *guessers*.

## Choosing a card

Whoever is guessing closes their eyes, while the chooser selects a secret card and drags it into the flashing white square. The secret card turns face down and when the image of a white garbage can appears in front of each guesser, it's time to play.

## Taking turns

Each guesser takes a turn asking the chooser questions about what's on the secret card. For example, if the subject is animals, one student might ask, "does it have fur?" If the student with the secret card responds, "no," all of the guessers discard the cards that don't apply by dragging the pictures of each animal with fur into their card well.

## Finishing the game

A question mark appears in the upper-right corner of a card when a guesser drags it from the center of the table to a card well. When all the guessers agree to discard a card, they press the question marks to turn them into check marks. When all the cards in the card wells have check marks, the garbage can image turns green. The guessers press the green garbage can image to discard the cards. Play continues until all cards are discarded, and the secret card appears with stars around it in the center of the table.



### IMPORTANT

- If a guesser discards the secret card with a group of other cards, the game rejects the whole group and sends all the cards back to the center of the table.
- If a guesser discards only the secret card during a turn, the game ends.
- Well-crafted questions enable players to discard one or more possible cards. Students are rewarded with stars if they can discard half of the pile with one question.
- The chooser can check the secret card by dragging it with a finger, and cupping their other hand over the card as they view it.

## Customizing Narrow It Down

You can use the SMART Table Toolkit to customize Narrow It Down to complement your class curriculum.

For information on setting up your SMART Table, see the *ST230i – SMART Table* textless installation instructions, [document 131863](#), or the *SMART Table 230i User's Guide*, [document 131757](#).

### To create an activity

1. Click **Home**, and then select the **Narrow It Down** check box.

The *Narrow It Down* icon appears on the desktop, and the *Narrow It Down* tab appears at the top of the window.

2. Click the **Narrow It Down** tab, type a name for the activity in the *New activity* box, and then click **Create**.

#### NOTES

- The name of your activity appears in the *All Activities* window.
- You can include up to eight topics in each content pack. If you have more than eight topics, you must create a new content pack. There is no limit to how many content packs you can create.

### To remove an activity

1. Select the activity in the *All Activities* list, and then click **Remove**.


The *Confirmation* dialog box appears.

2. Click **Yes**.

### To add an image with text

1. Click **Add**.

An empty gray box appears.

2. Click **Import Image File**  to import a JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg), GIF (.gif) or PNG (.png) file.

OR

Click **Import Gallery Image**  to import an image from SMART Exchange.

#### IMPORTANT


You must have an Internet connection to access and download Gallery images.

**i NOTE**

You can click **Paste** to paste a graphics file that you copied from another application. You can also drag and drop a graphics file into the toolkit.

3. Type any text you want to appear in the box below the graphic.

**💡 TIP**

Click  **Clear image** to clear the graphics file.

**To change the background image for this activity**

In the *Background Image* area, click **Import Image File** to import a JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg), GIF (.gif) or PNG (.png) file.


OR

Click **Import Gallery Image** to import an image from SMART Exchange.

**👉 IMPORTANT**

You must have an Internet connection to access and download Gallery images.

**💡 TIP**

Click  **Clear image** to clear the graphics file.

**To set the image for the circular icon that represents the activity**

Import an image using one of the procedures above, and then click **Set Activity Image**.

**To remove unsaved changes from an application**

Click the **Narrow It Down** tab, and then click **Discard Changes**.

Any unsaved changes disappear.

When you create an application, you can also create a preview so you can check the application on the teacher's computer before copying it to the SMART Table.

**To preview an application**

1. While customizing an application, select **Preview Narrow It Down**.

A web browser window appears showing your application.

2. Experiment with your application to test its operation and layout.
3. Close the browser window.

You can now return to the SMART Table Toolkit.

**To install Narrow It Down from a USB drive on the SMART Table**

1. Connect a USB drive to the computer, and then copy the **NarrowItDown.tableApplication** file to the USB drive.
2. Remove the USB drive, and then connect it to the SMART Table.  
In **Teacher** mode, press **Choose Activities**.
3. Find the **NarrowItDown.tableApplication** file, and then press **OK**.  
A progress dialog box appears.
4. Press **OK**, and then remove the USB drive.

**To download and install Narrow It Down using the SMART Table Toolkit**

1. Start the SMART Table Toolkit, and then click **Online Activities**.  
*SMART Exchange* appears.
2. In SMART Exchange, select **SMART Table Applications > Narrow It Down > Download**.
3. After the download completes, Run the **SMARTTableNarrowItDownSetup.exe** file.  
  
The *SMART Table installation wizard* appears.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
5. Select **I accept the terms in the license agreement** (if you agree), and then click **Next** twice to accept the default destination folder.  
  
The **NarrowItDown.tableApplication** file installs to your desktop in a folder called **NarrowItDown**.
6. Click **Finish**, and then browse to and double-click **NarrowItDown.tableApplication**.  
  
SMART Table Toolkit starts, and a **Narrow It Down** tab appears in the left menu. Select the check box to begin customizing the application.

**To install the content**

Refer to the *SMART Table 230i User's Guide* [document 131757](#).

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