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This simple, unassuming game has been a favorite in classrooms and workshops for years. Students really do enjoy trying to trick each other with lines that are very close to each other in slope, or the opposite of each other, and this represents a good learning opportunity.

PLAYING THE SLOPE GAME

2. This step says to draw “five different random lines.” The lines should not be attached to each other. In other words, students should click or release only in blank space when constructing the lines so that all the control points are independent points.

AFTER PLAYING

The More Slope Games activity contains four different ready-made slope games that can be played in a variety of ways. They can be played immediately after this game, but we recommend spreading them out over several days or weeks, letting students play each one for 5–15 minutes as time permits.