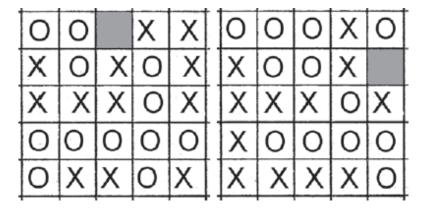
## **Island or Bridge**

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## IN TURNS, X AND O PUT THEIR MARKS ON A FIELD OF 5 BY 5.

One square is left open, so each player has 12 turns. The winner is the one with a connection from side to side, horizontal or vertical. OR, when that is not possible, the largest contiguous area of squares that border each other straight (so not diagonally).

Examples: A. It's clear that on the fourth row, O has such a connection. She wins. B. No connection here. But X has an area of 9 squares. And O only 6. He wins.