

Concentration

Developing Number Sense
One to One Correspondence
Matching Numbers

What you will need:

- Deck of cards. Ace (#1) - 2, 2 cards from each suit.

How to Play:

1. Place cards face up in a grid.
2. The players take turns finding two cards of the same number. The player keeps the cards.
3. Continue until all cards have been matched.
4. Determine who has the most cards. Oldest person lays her cards out in a line, counting as she lays each card down. Next oldest player lines her cards up next to the cards already in the line, creating pairs of cards (1-to-1 correspondence). Continue until all players have laid out their cards. Have your child determine who has the most cards.
5. Congratulate each other by shaking hands and saying, "Good job."

Next Steps:

1. As your child becomes more competent** increase the number of cards used, up to 10 cards from each suit. Do not use any of the face cards (jack, queen, king) when playing games to teach number sense.

Variation*:

- Place cards face down in a grid.
- The players take turns turning over two cards. If they are both the same number, the player keeps the cards. If they are not a match, the player turns them back over and returns them to their place in the grid.
- Continue until all cards have been matched.
- Count the number of cards each player has matched.

*Note: This variation promotes spatial memory in addition to developing number sense.

** A child is considered "competent" when she can correctly do the activity without any prompting.