

Match 'Em / Memory

Goal: To associate number names, quantities, and written numerals

Materials: Set of cards with matching numbers represented in two different ways (dot arrangements and numerals, for example)

Number of Players: Two players

Directions:

1. Place dot cards face-down in one row and the numeral cards face-down in another row.
2. Children take turns turning over one dot card and one numeral card. They say the number name for each card. If the cards match, the player keeps the cards. If the cards do not match, they are turned face-down again.
3. Players take turns until all the cards are matched.

Variations: You can introduce this game in stages by having children play with all cards face-up at first, and then with one set (dots or numerals) face-up and the other set face-down. Some children may also benefit from matching numeral cards to numeral cards and/or dot cards to dot cards.

Vary the cards. Use five-frame or ten-frame cards, for example.

Use matching cards to play Memory with all the cards face-down.