

Concentration/Memory Game

Age: 3+

Number of players: 2+

Materials: Standard deck of 52 cards

How to play:

Older children can use the whole deck of 52 cards, but younger children may want to use fewer cards. Make sure the deck you use is made up of pairs.

Shuffle and spread cards face down on a table between the players. Cards can be laid in a random pattern or in a grid. The object of the game is to find matching pairs. Players take turns turning over two cards and letting all the players see them and study them. If they are not a matching pair, try to remember what and where they are, then turn them back over. The next player turns over two cards. If they are a matching pair, that player removes them from the table and keeps them, and then has another turn. When all cards have been removed from the table, each player counts up the number of cards they have collected. The player with the most cards wins.

Extension:

Make 10 Concentration

Players will look for two cards that make 10 (5+5, 6+4, 7+3, 8+2, 9+1, 10+0) to get a match instead of two of the same cards.