

# WAYS TO PRACTICE ADDITION/SUBTRACTION FACTS AT HOME

A FAVORITE GAME AT MATH NIGHT IS CALLED SHUT THE BOX! LOOK IT UP ON [AMAZON](#).  
ASK YOUR CHILD TO HELP YOU PICK IT OUT.

## Flashcards

- Create your own. Students write the addition or subtraction question on the front of the card and the answer in number and picture format on the back. Example, students write  $4+7=$  (front of card) and write 11, along with a picture on the back of the card. The picture representation allows the student to understand how 11 becomes the answer. (4 red dots, 7 black dots)
- The dollar store almost always has addition and subtraction flashcards.

## For Active Kids

- Have your child bounce a basketball or catch a ball as he or she says the multiples of different numbers. For example, he can practice the skip counting, or answering facts you say to them with each bounce. Research shows that kinesthetic movement helps the brain learn facts.

## Games/Activities

- Addition/Subtraction War: Deal a deck of cards between two people. Each person flips the top card of his/her deck onto the table at the same time. The first person to call out the sum or difference of the two numbers on the cards gets to keep the cards. (Ace=1, Jack=11, Queen=12, King=0)
- Card games  
Divide the deck into 2 piles. Face Cards are 10, Aces are wild. Each player flips one card and then a second card. The sums are determined and the player with the high sum collects the cards. The winner is determined as the player with the most cards (or when the 2nd player runs out of cards) A timer can also be used to determine the winner. The player with the most cards wins
- Roll the Dice: This game can be played with one person or two. Roll two dice. Add or subtract the two numbers showing face up. Write the digits 7-12 on squares of masking tape and stick to the dice to practice your 7-12 facts.
- Flashlight math: Use the flashcards and flip two cards at a time. Kids shine a flashlight on the one they know and answer that one. Simple. Don't have a flashlight? Make a math wand. Bumblebee wand, perhaps? Use a stick or a lightsaber. Anything that works for your kid.
- Write the answer: Or paint the answer. Water on cement or chalk on sidewalk or window crayon on window. One person flashes the cards and the other writes.
- Math bingo: Play Math Bingo as a way to learn and practice these numbers.
- School House Rock videos: Fun, catchy, and interactive ways to remember facts.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDqbCfplYrg>  
You can google math fact practice for lots of videos on youtube

- Show kids math tricks: Most of us know at least one of the tricks for finding sums or differences ( ex:  $9+5 = 10+5 - 1$ , or one less than  $10 +5$ )

Some great websites/apps that will help you practice those facts:

<https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>

[https://www.mathplayground.com/index\\_addition\\_subtraction.h](https://www.mathplayground.com/index_addition_subtraction.h)

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath/flashcards>