Plus and Minus

Players: 2

Students practice double-digit addition and subtraction.

Materials

one shuffled deck of cards with tens, jokers, and face cards removed
pencils and scrap paper

The Way to Play

1. Player 1 deals five cards to each player. Each player selects any four cards to create the greatest two double-digit numbers possible. Each player adds the two numbers together, records the sum, and places the cards in a discard pile.

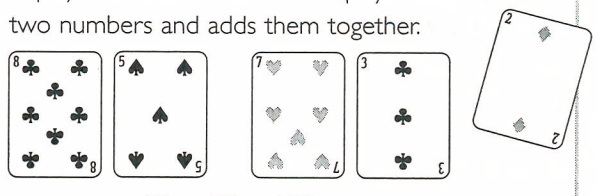
2. Player 1 deals three cards to each player. Each player selects any two cards to create the smallest two-digit number possible. Each player subtracts this number from the number recorded in Step 1, records the difference, and places the cards in a discard pile.

3. Player 1 deals three cards to each player. Each player creates the greatest possible two-digit number. Each player adds this number to the number recorded in Step 2, records the sum, and places the cards in a discard pile. This number is the player's score.

4. The player with the higher score wins the game. If at any point a player's score is less than 0, the other player wins.

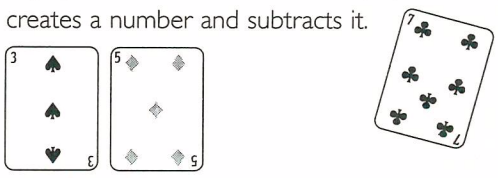
Example:

A player is dealt five cards. The player creates two numbers and adds them together.



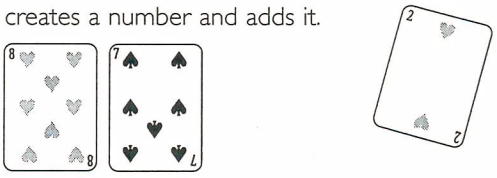
85 + 73 = 158

A player is dealt three cards. The player creates a number and subtracts it.



158 – 35 = 123

A player is dealt three cards. The player creates a number and adds it.



123 + 87 = 210

The player's final score is 210.

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