

FAST DRAW

Materials

Deck of cards, not necessarily complete
Paper and pencil or pen

This game is best played with three people. There are two Thinkers and a Caller. Remove the face cards from the deck but leave the ace. The Caller deals five (or another odd number) of cards, face down, to each Thinker. The two Thinkers draw a card from the deck without looking at it. Each Thinker holds the card on his or her forehead so the other Thinker and the Caller can see it.

The Caller looks at the two Thinkers' cards and says, "The sum is ... " whatever the sum of the two cards is. The first Thinker to correctly say the value of his or her card wins the point. The players continue with the fastest Thinker winning.

The Caller should stop and talk about the fact family involved before going on to the next draw, for optimum learning. This game can easily be extended to multiplication and division. If you don't wish to use playing cards, other cards with numerals 1-10 can be easily made with 3x5 cards and markers.