

Note to Families: This is a variation of a number game we play in class. Use this sheet to review the directions with your child. When you play the game together at home, give your child plenty of time to think about the numbers and count the symbols on each card. Please add these game directions and the cards to your homework kit for additional practice.



HOW TO PLAY COMPARE

Materials: Deck of number cards 0-10 and 2 to 4 wild cards. You can download and print these from the link on our website or make a set using a regulation deck of playing cards and a sharpie marker. (You would need to write WILD on the jokers of the deck, write 0 on the jacks, write 1 on the aces, and discard the queens and kings.)

Players: 2

Object: Compare 2 cards and decide which has the greater number.

How to Play:

1. Players sit across from and facing each other.
2. Mix the number cards and deal them evenly to each player. Both players place their stack of cards face down in front of them. Do not hold stack in hands!
3. At the same time, both players turn over the top card in their stack and place it in front of him/her on the table or floor. Look at the numbers. (You can use counters to show the numbers if you like.)
4. The player whose number is greater says, "Me!" That player gets both cards. If the numbers are equal, then each player puts one card face down and then turns over the next card.
5. Keep turning over cards. Each time say, "Me!" if your number is greater and keep all the cards from that hand.
6. The game is over when one player has all the cards or you want to move on to something else.

Variations:

1. Start with only cards 1-6.
2. If you have the lesser number you say, "Me!" and win the cards.
3. Add four wild cards to the game. If you turn over a wild card, you can decide what the number is.
4. Play with 3 players.
5. Play double compare. Each player turns over two cards and compares the totals to see who has more.