Concentration

(Version 3)

Material: A game with 24 cards

Players: Two or three

Rules: Shuffle the cards and place them face down on the table. The first player turns over two cards. If the two cards represent the same number, the player keeps the cards and turns over two others. If the two cards turned over do not represent the same number they are placed face down again and the next player turns over two cards. Play continues until all the pairs of cards have been found.

Variation: Place the 24 cards face up on the table and players take turns picking up one pair at a time. This is an easier version.

Here are the 24 cards in the game:

![Card Images]

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Note to parents:

_Concentration_ is a game that requires subitizing. Subitizing is “instantly recognizing how many dots there are in a group”. For example, a child who is subitizing can instantly state without counting how many dots are found in each of these figures.

Subitizing helps a child form mental pictures of numbers and to realize that a number can be representing in many ways.

In the last example a child will say that there is six dots because he will say that he saw 5 and 1. This ability to see numbers as combinations of other numbers is an important first step to understanding the process of addition.

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- Subitizing
- Addition