

War of the dice

- Material :** Two number cubes
A number of bingo chips or teddy bears
- Players :** Two or more
- Rules :** Players take turns rolling the number cubes and adding the numbers represented by the dots on their cubes. The player who has the highest sum takes a bingo chip or teddy bear. The winner is the first player to get ten bingo chips or teddy bears.

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Note to parents:

When your child first starts to add the dots on the two dice, he will probably count them all, this is normal. Later when he recognizes some of the dot combinations, he will begin to count forward starting from one of the two numbers, for example 2...3, 4, 5, 6 when the cubes show 2 and 4. Later, he will start counting from the larger number 4...5, 6. Finally, he will begin to recognize certain addition facts, for example, a double such as $5 + 5$ or $3 + 3$. At this point he will also begin to use strategies to help remember basic facts.

By playing with number cubes, your child will begin to form mental images of numbers. This is an important step in the development of mental math strategies.

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