

Face-Off! An Integer Card Game

Adding positive and negative numbers can be a tricky concept. This “Face Off” activity will give your child some fun practice and help him gain confidence. This activity includes some elements of suspense, speed and even prizes!

What You Need:

- 50 flashcards
- Pen

What You Do:

1. Write an integer on each flashcard from -20 to 20.
2. Divide the flashcards in half and give one pile to each player. Place the cards face down in front of each person on a table.
3. To start, each player will pick up and flip over the top two cards so the number is showing and place it on the table.
4. Each player should add the numbers on their two cards together. For example, if player 1 gets a 7 and a 3, the total would be 10.
5. Compare the totals. The player whose total is greater keeps all 4 cards.
6. Keep going until all the cards have been used. The player who has the highest number of cards is the winner.

Tips:

- If you want a new challenge, replay the game using subtraction rather than addition.
- You can also use a timer to encourage your child to finish in a certain amount of time.
- Decide on a small prize to give your child for getting all of the math problems correct.

