

Addition Face-Off



- LEVEL:** Grades 2 and up
- SKILLS:** Addition
- PLAYERS:** 2
- EQUIPMENT:** 1 deck of cards Ace – 9 (Ace = 1)

GETTING STARTED: Players divide the cards evenly between themselves. Then each player turns two cards over and adds them together. The player with the highest sum wins all the cards. In the event of a tie, players have a “face-off.” Each player deals out three more cards face down, then turns over two more cards and adds them together. The player with the highest sum wins all the cards. Play continues until decks are empty, then the player with the most cards wins the game.

EXAMPLE:

Player One

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$2 + 3 = 5$

4	3

$4 + 3 = 7$

Player Two

4	A
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$4 + 1 = 5$

4	5

$4 + 5 = 9$

Both players draw the same sum, so a face-off starts. Each player deals three face down cards, then draws again. Player Two wins with a sum of 9.

VARIATION:

Draw more cards and arrange them as two or three-digit numbers for more difficult math.

A	5
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Three cards: a two-digit number (15)

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added to a single-digit number (3).

Or...

5	3	4
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Five cards: a three-digit number (534)

2	3
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added to a two-digit number (23).