## Math cards (Level 0 and 1)

Ages 4 to 5 (Level 0 )

| Description: | Learners will make cards to play multiple games gaining a deeper <br> sense of numbers, greater - lesser, addition - subtraction, sequences <br> and patterns |
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| Leading question: | Can you make your own card games? |
| Age group: | $4-5$ years |
| Subjects: | Mathematics, art, and design |
| Total time required: | $\sim 4$ hours over 3 days |
| Self-guided / <br> Supervised activity: | Medium |
| Resources required: | Paper, Pens, Scissors and Colors |


| Learning outcomes | - Deeper understanding of the relation between number and quantity <br> - Performing and applying the basic arithmetical functions (addition, and subtraction) <br> - Practice of game behavior including taking turns, rules, and goals <br> - Enhance algebraic thinking through the generation of number patterns <br> - Reason abstractly and quantitatively <br> - Identify whether the number of objects in one group is greater than or less than to the number of objects in another group. <br> Develop their recognition of patterns in the number system (for example, sequences) |
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| Required previous learning | - Writing numbers (1-20) <br> - Understanding addition as putting together and adding to |
| Inspiration | Traditional games of snap, sequence, and memory |

## Topics/concepts covered, and skills developed (or reinforced)

- Numbers 1-20
- The alphabet
- Arithmetic functions (addition and subtraction)
- Greater than and less than
- Sequences
- Art and design



Learners will first play a memory game - in this game they will mix up all the cards and face the number side down.

Goal: Get as many points as possible by remembering and opening the correct matching card numbers.

## Rules:

Step 1: Ask the learner to arrange the shuffled cards in 5 rows of 8 cards each or arrange the shuffled cards in 8 rows of 5 cards each. Step 2: Player 1 opens one card,
Step 3: Player 1 opens another card.
Step 4: Ask learners to think about how they reward points to players for remembering and opening the correct matching card numbers. For example,

- If the 2 cards are the same matching number, they can take the cards out of the rows and they get 2 points in their column
- If the 2 cards have a matching color but not a matching number, they get 1 point in their column and can close the cards putting them back in the same place in the arrangement
- If the 2 cards are not the matching number or color, they get no points and just close the cards in the arrangement
Step 5: Player 2 opens one card,
Step 6: Player 2 opens another card
Learners will add the number of points in both columns and whoever has more points is the winner of the game. Learners can use a score sheet like the one below:

| Player's <br> name/Initials | Number of <br> points | Opponent's <br> name/initials | Number of points |
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| Ali | 2 | Dad | 3 |
| Faith | 5 | Mum | 3 |
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Reflection: Parents/family members will work with the learners to reflect on the day's activities. Thinking about the activities from the card games played today, can you tell us:

- Three things you have learned from all the today's games
- Two things you found interesting
- One thing that you still have a question about

| 2 | 20 minutes | Learners will design two new games to understand the concept of greater and smaller than numbers <br> Game 3: Greater Alligator <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the highest card (a card with the highest number) - (a variation of the same game can be played for the winner being the one with the smallest card) <br> Rules: <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 2 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Ask learners to think about how they reward points to players for having the highest number card. For example, each player will play their highest card and the person with the highest card has won e.g., Player 1 has 3, 12 and Player 2 has 4,8 , and Player 3 has 9,20 then player 3 is the winner for having the card 20 . The winner of each round gets 2 points, and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> - Ask learners to think about how they reward points to two players for having the same highest number card for example, if two players have the same high card, they both get to play their next highest card and whoever's second card is the highest will win <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet. Learners can use a score sheet like the one below: <br> Learners will also write the numbers using the greater than sign for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g., 20 greater than 12 greater than 8 <br> Game 4: Larger Numbers <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the largest sum in their cards |
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| 3 | 20 minutes | Learners will continue to explore subtraction and sequences <br> Game 5: Closest Number <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 3 to 5 rounds by having the total number closest to the open card (a variation of the same game can be played for the winner being the one with the further number) <br> Rules: <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Each player will add the numbers on the cards that were dealt to them e.g., if Player 1 gets $4,11,16$ $(4+11+16=31)$ with their cards <br> - Step 3: Pick a random card from the deck and lay deck lay this card open on the table, whichever player has a number that is closest to the opened number wins the game. <br> Ask learners to think about how they reward points to players for having the total number closest to the open card. For example, Player 1's total is 31 and Player 2's total is 27 - if the card opened if 17 then Player 2 wins. The winner of each round gets 2 points, and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Also ask learners to think about how they reward points to two players for having the same total number closest to the open card. For example, if two players have the same high number, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and add that to the sum and whoever has the highest total will win <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it. Learners can use a score sheet like the one below: <br> Learners will also write the 4 sums for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. <br> - Player 1: $4+11+16=31$ <br> - Player 2: $16+9+2=27$ |
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| 20 minutes | - Comparison: 27-17 = 10 and $31-17=14$ <br> - Final: 14 is greater than 10 so 10 is the winner since it is closer <br> Game 6: Sequence - Numbers <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by making sequences of numbers <br> Rules: <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards to each player and keep the others as a closed deck <br> - Step 2: Players will each have a turn where they get to either pick up a card either from the deck or the discarded pile and they also discard a card <br> - The player who is the first to get a sequence of 3 numbers that follow each other will win the game e.g., $1,2,3$ or $11,12,13$ <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it. Learners can use a score sheet like the one below: <br> Learners will also write the entire numerical sequence of the different sequences formed as they play the game. <br> Reflection: Parents/family members will work with the learners to reflect on the day's activities. Thinking about the activities from the card games played today, can you tell us: <br> - Three things you have learned from all the today's activities <br> - Two things you found interesting <br> - One thing you would like to hear more or learn more about |
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| Assessment Crite | - Clarity of the numbers and alphabet cards made |


|  | - <br> - <br> Grasp of the rules of the game <br> Ability to play the games and apply the functions of memory, <br> greater / smaller than, proximity, addition-subtraction, and <br> sequences |
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Ages 4 to 7 (Level 1)

| Description: | Learners will make cards to play multiple games gaining a deeper <br> sense of numbers, greater - lesser, addition - subtraction, <br> sequences and patterns |
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| Leading question: | Can you make your own card games? |
| Age group: | $4-7$ years |
| Subjects: | Math and Art |
| Total time required: | $\sim 5$ hours over 5 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium |
| Resources required: | Paper, Pens, Scissors and Colors |


| Day | Time | Activity and Description |
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| 1 | 30 <br> minutes <br> 15 <br> minutes | Learners will design their games including the playing cards and rules sheets. Please explain to learners that all games have their own rules that have to be followed <br> Learners will make their own cards, they will draw rectangular cards that are approximately the size of their palm. If they do not have a ruler, they can use any box cover or book to draw the lines and measure it based on the length of their index finger. The shorter side can be length of their thumb. <br> Learners will cut out 40 such cards. Learners will color each of the papers in one of 4 colors - they can chose any colors of their choice or do them in red, yellow, green and blue. <br> Older learners can calculate: If we have 40 cards and 4 colors and want an equal number of cards in each colors - how many cards will be in each color? (Hint: 40 / 4 = 10) <br> Younger learners can calculate: If we have 10 cards in yellow and an equal number of cards in each color - how many cards will we have in blue? <br> They will write the numbers 1-20 on each of the cards in bold letters in the middle of each of the cards. Learners will make 2 cards with each of the numbers and make sure that no two numbers are on the same color card e.g. if there is a 3 in the yellow card, the other 3 should be on a blue card etc. Learners will design the other side of the card with a logo, name or initial. <br> Game 1: Snap <br> Goal: Winning all the cards by quickly identifying matching cards <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and divide the cards equally between all the players <br> - Step 2: Each player opens a card from the deck each turn and this is laid open on the table |



|  |  | - If the 2 cards are not the matching number or color, they get no points and just close the cards in the arrangement <br> Step 4: Player 2 opens one card, <br> Step 5: Player 2 opens another card <br> Learners will add the number of points in both columns and whoever has more points is the winner of the game |
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| 2 | 20 <br> minutes | Learners will design two new games to understand the concept of greater and smaller than numbers <br> Game 3: Greater Alligator <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the highest card (a card with the highest number) - (a variation of the same game can be played for the winner being the one with the smallest card) <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 2 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Each player will play their highest card and the person with the highest card has won e.g. Player 1 has 3, 12 and Player 2 has 4, 8, and Player 3 has 9,20 then player 3 is the winner for having the card 20 <br> - If two players have the same high card, they both get to play their next highest card and whoever's second card is the highest will win <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the numbers using the greater than sign for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. 20 greater than 12 greater than 8 <br> Game 4: Larger Numbers <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the largest sum in their cards Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Each player will add the numbers dealt with their cards <br> - Step 3: Players will each say the total number and the highest number will win <br> - If two players have the same high number, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and add that to the sum and whoever has the highest total will win <br> - Example: Player 1 has 4, 11, 16 and Player 2 has 16, 9, 2 - so Player 1's total is 31 and Player 2's total is 27 so Player 1 wins the game <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds |


|  | $20$ <br> minutes | Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the 3 sums for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. <br> - Player 1: $4+11+16=31$ <br> - Player 2: $16+9+2=27$ <br> - Final: 31 is greater than 27 <br> Game 5: Closest Number <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 3 to 5 rounds by having the total number closest to the open card (a variation of the same game can be played for the winner being the one with the further number) <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Each player will add the numbers on the cards that were dealt to them e.g. if Player 1 gets $4,11,16(4+11+16=31)$ with their cards <br> - Step 3: Pick a random card from the deck lay this card open on the table, whichever player has a number that is closest to the opened number wins the game <br> - If two players have the same high number, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and add that to the sum and whoever has the highest total will win <br> - Example: Player 1's total is 31 and Player 2's total is 27 - if the card opened if 17 then Player 2 wins <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the 4 sums for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. <br> - Player 1: $4+11+16=31$ <br> - Player 2: $16+9+2=27$ <br> - Comparison: 27-17=10 and $31-17=14$ <br> - Final: 14 is greater than 10 so 10 is the winner since it is closer |
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| 3 | $20$ <br> minutes | Learners will continue to explore subtraction and sequences <br> Game 6: Smaller Numbers <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the largest sum in their cards <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 2 (for younger learners) or 3 (for older learners) cards per player <br> - $\quad$ Step 2: Each player will subtract the numbers written on the cards they were dealt e.g. younger players will minus card 1 from card 2 and older players will minus card 1 from card 2 from card 3 |


| 20 <br> minutes | - Step 3: Players will each say the total number and the highest number will win <br> - If two players have the same high number, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and subtract that to the sum and whoever has the highest total will win <br> - Example: Player 1 has 4, 11, 16 and Player 2 has $16,9,2$ - so Player 1's total is $16-11-4=1$ and Player 2 's total is $16-9-2=5$ so Player 2 wins the game <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the 3 mathematical function for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. <br> - Player 1: $16-11-4=1$ <br> - Player 2: 16-9-2 = 5 <br> - Final: 5 is greater than 1 <br> Game 7: Getting Close <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the total number closest to the open card (a variation of the same game can be played for the winner being the one with the further number) <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards per player <br> - Step 2: Each player will subtract the numbers written on the cards they were dealt <br> - Step 3: Pick a random card from the deck and open this, whichever player has a number that is closest to the opened number wins the game <br> - If two players have the same answer, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and subtract and whoever has the closest number will win <br> - Example: Player 1 has 4, 11, 16 and Player 2 has $16,9,2$ - so Player 1's total is $16-11-4=1$ and Player 2 's total is $16-9-2=5$ so if the card 12 is opened - Player 2 wins the game <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the 4 mathematical function for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. <br> - Player 1: $16-11-4=1$ <br> - Player 2: 16-9-2 = 5 <br> - Comparison: 12-1 = 11 and $12-5=7$ |
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|  | 20 <br> minutes | - Final: 11 is greater than 7 so 7 is the winner since it is closer <br> Game 8: Sequence <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by making sequences of numbers Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards to each player and keep the others as a closed deck <br> - Step 2: Players will each have a turn where they get to either pick up a card either from the deck or the discarded pile and they also discard a card <br> - The player who is the first to get a sequence will win the game e.g. 1, 2, 3 or 11, 12, 13 <br> - Variation: For older learners an extension can be to design a pattern of your choice e.g. odd-even numbers ( $2,8,14$ or $3,11,15$ ); a pattern of the $2,3,4$, 5 times multiplication table ( $2,4,6$ or $4,8,12$ or $10,15,20$ ); a pattern that has a difference of 6 between the numbers $(2,8,14)$ etc. <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the entire numerical sequence and / or the pattern that they decided |
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| 4 | 20 <br> minutes | Learners will explore the multiplication, division operations and explore patterns of their own choice <br> Game 9: Multiply Quick <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds by having the largest total number after multiplying the number <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Shuffle the cards from 1-10 and deal 2 or 3 cards per player (only deal 2 cards for younger learners) <br> - Step 2: Each player will multiply the numbers dealt with their cards <br> - Step 3: Player will call out the number they have quickly and the player with the highest number will win <br> - If two players have the same answer, they will each pick up one more card from the deck and multiply that too <br> - Example: Player 1 has 4 and 2 and Player 2 has 6 and 3 - so Player 1's total is $4 \times 2=8$ and Player 2 's total is $6 \times 3=18$ so Player 2 wins the game since 18 is greater than 8 <br> - The winner of each round gets 2 points and the final winner is the one that has the most points at the end of 5 rounds <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it <br> Learners will also write the 3 mathematical function for each of the rounds for the 3 cards played e.g. |

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| 5 | 20 <br> minutes <br> 20 <br> minutes <br> 20 <br> minutes | Learners will play a literacy game to expand their vocabulary and help with their spelling, they will then design a game of their own choice <br> Literacy Extension: Leaners can make additional cards for each of the alphabets or for each diagraphs (sh, wh, th, ph) or for some consonant-vowel-consonant endings (ad, an, am, at, in, en etc.) <br> Game 12: Fastest Words <br> Goal: Getting the most points after 5 rounds for whichever player can make the most number of words with the chosen card in 30 seconds <br> Rules: (Older learners should write down their own rules sheet) <br> - Step 1: Keep a closed deck of the alphabet, diagraph and CVC word ending sounds suggested cards in the appendix <br> - Step 2: Learners will pick a card and they will have 30 seconds to name the most number of words with that letter / diagraph / CVC word ending. Example: If the letter J is picked up, player 1 can say words like: Juice, Just, Jump, Jelly etc. if the diagraph " Ph " is picked up by player 1 they can say: Phone, Phonics, Photo etc. if the CVC word ending "an" is picked up by Player 1 they can say words like: Can, Man, Ran, Fan, Pan etc. <br> - Step 3: Players get a point for each of the words said and add the points at the end of the game and the player with the most points would win <br> Learners will play the game and write the score on a points' sheet which has a column for each of the players with their initials / full name on it. Players will get 1 point for each word. After each turn the learners will write the number of points on the points sheet <br> After each turn older learners can write the words said <br> Learners will add the total points per player at the end of each of the turns of play and the one who has the maximum number is the winner <br> Learners will now design their own cards game using the number or letter cards they get a chance to give their game a name, a goal and make up their own rules. Learners will then play the game with their family and the family players can chose which of the games they liked the most |
|  |  | - Clarity of the numbers and alphabet cards made <br> - Grasp of the rules of the game <br> - Ability to play the games and apply the functions of memory, greater / smaller than, proximity, addition-subtraction-multiplication-division and patterns |
| Learning outcomes: |  | - Deeper number sense and ability to understand the numbers <br> from 1-20 in sequence |


|  | - Understanding and applying the basic arithmetical functions <br> - Following game behavior including taking turns, rules and goals |
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| Required previous learning: | Writing numbers and doing addition / subtraction functions |
| Inspiration: | Traditional games of snap, sequence and memory |
| Additional enrichment activities: | - Learners can deal additional cards for all the games <br> - Learners can create the deck up to the number 50 to make the <br> numbers more challenging <br> - Learners can develop more games with patterns |
| Modifications to simplify the <br> project tasks if need be | - Learners can develop a deck of cards only for the numbers from <br> $1-10$ to simplify the game |
| - Learners not familiar with multiplication and division functions |  |
| can omit the day 4 games. |  |
| - Learners can choose only 2 cards for the addition and |  |
| subtraction functions |  |

## APPENDIX

Language game cards:

- Cards for the alphabet letters: A, B, R, D, H, M, N, P, S, T, V, C, E, F, L
- Cards for the CVCV words: At (e.g. Cat), Ag (e.g. Bag), Ap (e.g. Nap), En (e.g. Men), Et (e.g. Get), It (e.g. Fit), Op (e.g. Top), On (e.g. Con), Ug (e.g. Rug), Un (e.g. Fun)
- Cards for the digraphs: Ph (e.g. Phone) Wh (e.g. What), Th (e.g. This), Sh (e.g. Show), Ch (e.g. Chat)

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