

# Close to Zero

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{4} \boxed{5} \boxed{8} \\ - \boxed{4} \boxed{3} \boxed{1} \end{array}$$

**Materials:** numeral cards 0-9 (4 of each), calculator

**Number of Players:** 2

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1. Shuffle the cards and place them facedown in a stack.
2. Take six cards each from the top of the stack and use them to create a subtraction problem with two 3-digit numbers. Arrange your cards to make a difference as close to zero as possible.
3. Record and solve your subtraction problem.
4. Use a calculator to check each other's work. The player with the difference closest to zero scores one point.
5. The player with the most points after five rounds wins the game.

My problem was \_\_\_  
minus \_\_\_. The  
difference between  
\_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_.

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