

K.CC “One More” Concentration

Task

This game is a version of the traditional memory or concentration game.

Materials

- One set of number cards from 1 to 9 in one color (say blue). These are the "one less" cards.
- Another set of number cards from 2 to 10 in another color (say red). These are the "one more" cards.

Actions

- Students work in pairs or trios. The students place all the number cards that are "one less" face down in a 3x3 array on the left and all the number cards that are "one more" face down in a 3x3 array on the right.
- The first student selects a card from the left array, stating the number name and the counting number that follows. For example, if the student selects the number 2, s/he would say, "I have 2 so I need 3."
- S/he then picks one card from the array on the right (the "one more" numbers), hoping to find the target number. If the student finds a matching pair, s/he keeps that pair of cards. If the student does not find a pair, both cards are replaced face down in their original spots.
- It is now the second student's turn to choose a card from the "one less" array and to try to find the appropriate "one more" card. Students should try to remember where each number is located. (The game is called "Concentration" not "Guessing.")
- Play continues until all cards have been matched. The student with the most matched pairs wins.



