



MATH CARD WAR GAMES

Most of us are familiar with the card game WAR. In this game two players are dealt an equal number of cards and turn them over one at a time. The player with the larger card wins the “battle” and keeps the cards.

Here are some variations of WAR that use more complex math skills:

Addition War – the players turn up two cards at a time. The higher sum wins. For a harder game the players turn over three cards.

Subtraction War – The players turn over 2 cards at a time and subtract. The player with the greatest difference wins.

Product War – The players turn over two cards at a time and multiply. The highest amount wins. For a harder game the players turn over three cards at a time.

Integer War – The Black cards are positive numbers and the red cards are negative numbers – depending on the skill of the players they could add, subtract or multiply to get the highest answer.

Digit War – The players turn over three cards and use them to make a three-digit number. The highest number wins.

Multi-card digit war – The players turn over three cards. They use two of them to make a two-digit number and add the third card. The highest end total wins. For a harder game they subtract or multiply to get the highest total.

Fraction War – the players turn over 2 cards. The lower value number becomes the numerator and the higher value card becomes the denominator. The greater value fraction wins.