

Less Please

The goal of this game is to find the two cards where the number on one card is one less than the number on the other card.

Two players

Materials

- Standard card deck using only the number cards 1 - 10
- (Ace = 1) four of each

How to Play

Players sit side by side. The cards are shuffled and placed face down in a stack.

Player 1 takes ten cards and places them face up in a line between both players.

Player 1 looks for two cards with a difference of one. When he finds two such cards he says, "I can take these two cards because _____ is one less than _____."

Player 2 adds two more cards to the face up line. (The line always has ten cards.) She hunts for two cards with a difference of one. If there are no cards in the line with a difference of one, another card is added to the line.

Players alternate turns until all the face down cards have been added to the line and all possible "one-less" combinations have been made.

Counters or a 0 to 10 number line might be very helpful so that children can visualize what they are being asked to do.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Super Duper opportunity to talk about thinking!

- Can you prove to me that one less than ____ is ____?
- How do you know?
- Can you tell me another way you could think about it?

Variations:

“Two Less” and “Three Less” are played in a similar manner.