

Close to 20

Materials: Deck of Number Cards 0–10 (four of each) with the wild cards removed; Student Sheet 6, Close to 20 Score Sheet; counters

Players: 2 to 3

How to Play

The object of the game is to choose three cards that total as close to 20 as possible.

1. Deal five cards to each player.
2. Take turns. Use any three of your cards to make a total that is as close to 20 as possible.
3. Write these numbers and the total on the Close to 20 Score Sheet.
4. Find your score. The score for the round is the difference between the total and 20. For example, if you choose $8 + 7 + 3$, your total is 18 and your score for the round is 2.
5. After you record your score, take that many counters.
6. Put the cards you used in a discard pile and deal three new cards to each player. If you run out of cards before the end of the game, shuffle the discard pile and use those cards again.
7. After five rounds, total your score and count your counters. These two numbers should be the same. The player with the lowest score and the fewest counters is the winner.