## Target 1,000

## Object of the Game

For each round, players choose 6 cards to make two 3-digit numbers that have a sum (a total when added) as close to 1,000 as possible. The score for each round is the difference between a player's sum and 1,000 . The player with the lower total score after 3 rounds wins the game.

## Materials

- Deck of cards containing four each of the numbers 1 to 9

Print a set of number cards, use the 2-9 cards and aces as 1s from a deck of playing cards, or make your own cards.

- Pencil or pen
- Paper to keep track of the game as shown, or print a Target 1,000 Record Sheet



## Skills

This game helps us practice:

- Practicing using place value: ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands
- Estimating
- Adding 3-digit numbers
- Subtracting 3- and 4-digit numbers


## How to Play

1. Mix up the cards. Players take turns drawing cards until each has 8 cards.

2. Each player chooses 6 of their cards to make two 3 -digit numbers. The goal is to make numbers that will have a sum (a total when added) as close to 1,000 (over or under) as possible.
3. Players add their numbers.
4. The difference between a player's total and 1,000 is their score for the first round.


Mom got a total of 1,001. Her score for this round is 1 because the difference between 1,000 and 1,001 is 1 .


Daniel got a total of 989. His score for this round is 11 because the difference between 1,000 and 989 is 11 .

After the first round, Mom is doing better. She got closer to 1,000 than Daniel did.
5. After three rounds, players add their three scores.
6. The player with the lesser total wins.

## Tips for Players and Families

- Before you play, talk about numbers that add to 1,000 . What are some pairs of numbers you can think of that have a sum of 1,000 ?
- Talk about how you're choosing your numbers. There is a lot of strategy involved!
- Students may have addition strategies not familiar to you, like making jumps on a number line, or breaking apart numbers by place value. Ask questions if you don't understand a strategy. It's always interesting to learn something new.


## Change It Up

Making even small changes to a game can invite new ways of thinking about the math. Try making one of the changes below. How did it change your strategy for winning the game?

- Choose a different target number, such as 800 or 1,500 .
- Change the cards you're using. For example, take out all the 4 s .

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## Target 1,000 Record Sheet

Name $\qquad$ Name $\qquad$

| Round 1 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |
| Score |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Round 2


Round 3

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| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Total |  |  |
| Score |  |  |
| TOTAL |  |  |
| SCORE |  |  |

