

THE MEMORY GAME

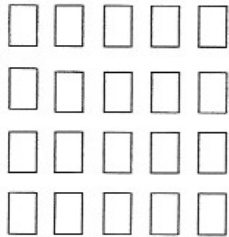
(with practice learning sight words)

What you need: twenty ordinary playing cards (10 pairs with matching number values)

If you want to practice sight words you will also need two copies of each sight word that you need to learn, each word printed on a small piece of paper.

Suggestions for play:

To play the basic memory game, lay out the cards face down on a flat surface (a table or the floor works well) in 4 rows with 5 cards in each row, like this:



Each player in turn chooses two cards to turn over. If the two cards match, they are removed and given to the player who chose them. If the two cards do not match, they are turned back over to face down. All players try to remember the locations of the numbers they have seen so they might use them to complete a matching pair later. The next player chooses two cards and the game continues until all of the pairs have been matched. The player with the most cards wins.

Variations:

1. To practice with sight words, attach one word to the number side of each card. You should have 20 words, 2 copies of each of the 10 words you will work with. Play the game as above, except you are now trying to match words instead of the numbers on the cards.
2. For younger children you can replace sight words with letters of the alphabet or with pictures of different shapes.
3. For a more challenging game expand the number of cards used by laying out cards in 5 rows with 6 cards in each row (a total of 15 pairs to match).