

## Close Call: Addicting 2-Digit Addition Card Game

**Skills Focus:** Addition of 2-digit numbers, mental math calculations and problem solving

### How to Play Close Call:

*The object of this game is to accumulate the highest score by coming closer to the goal than your opponent.*

Start with a complete deck of cards. Ace = 1, Joker = 0 and all tens and other face cards are removed. Shuffle the deck and **deal each player 6 cards**.

Players then select 4 of the cards to **create two 2-digit numbers**. The object is to create two numbers that when added together come **as close to 100 as possible**, *without going over*.



For example, in this hand I selected the cards 2,3,4, and 5.

I was then able to create the numbers 53 and 42, which when added together total 95.

### How to Win Close Call:

The player with the total **closest to 100 wins the round and 1 point**. In the event of a tie, each player receives a point.

**After playing 5 rounds, the player with the most points wins.**

Alternatively, you could **continue playing rounds until someone reaches 5 points**.

To further aid with addition practice, you could also **add the total from each round to calculate the total points**. Then the player with the **highest score wins**.

### Variations to the Game:

If you'd like to play this with younger kids, **deal 4 cards to each** and select 2 cards to get **as close to ten as possible**, without going over.

Or to practice subtraction instead, change the rules to **subtract 2 numbers** to get **as close to zero as possible**.

Or for a greater challenge for older kids, practice with **integer operations**. Make **black cards positive** and **red cards negative**, and again, challenge kids to combine numbers to get **as close to zero as possible**.