

Spiral: A Multiplication Game

Multiplication is a concept that requires a lot of practice. Try replacing the flash cards with this fun card game every once in awhile. Shuffle a deck of cards, then create a large spiral by placing them face up. Allow each player to select a unique place marker and set it on the very center card. Get out a die, and you're ready to get started! Each roll of the die will tell you both how many places to move and what number you'll multiply the cards by. Good luck!

What You Need:

- Deck of playing cards
- 1 die
- 1 place marker per player, such as beans, coins, plastic army men, etc.



What You Do:

1. Build a spiral game board with all 52 cards, face up. Start in the center and work your way out.
2. Players each select a place marker and place it in the center of the spiral on the very first card. This is the starting point.
3. Each player takes a turn rolling the die. They must multiply the number of the die times the value of the card they are on. If they are correct, they may move ahead the number on the die. If incorrect, they may not move. Face cards have the following values: ace = 1, jack = 11, queen = 12, king = 13.
4. If a player lands on the same card as another player, they may send the other player back to start.
5. The first player to make it past the last card wins.

Variations:

- Make the multiplication easier and change the value of all face cards to 10.
- Add jokers, and have them equal zero.
- Use two dice and multiply all 3 numbers.
- Change the value of the cards so the black cards are positive numbers and the red cards represent negative numbers.
- Require the winning player to land exactly on the last card.

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