

Café Lotto Match

Length of Play: 15 min. **Group Size:** Small Group (2-4 players)

Learning Goals

This activity is designed to help children strengthen their subitizing skills as they:

- · Recognize sets of one to five objects without counting
- Learn or reinforce number names; count from 1 to 5, understand that numbers can be represented by objects (people and tables)
- Compare sets of one to five objects and identify if the sets are the same or different

Vocabulary

Number names, Same Different, More than, Less than, Too many, Not enough

Materials

• 6 Café Lotto Match: Game Boards

40 Café Lotto Match: Cards

Optional: Cardstock

Preparation

- 1. Print the Café Lotto Match: Cards and a set of the Café Lotto Match: Game Boards on cardstock if possible. Cut out and shuffle the Café Lotto Match: Cards. (Print more cards as needed.)
- 2. Give each child a game board.

Directions

There are two ways to play this game: teacher led or child directed. See both versions below. Tell the children that the object of the game is to match the groups of diners to the table with the correct number of chairs.

Child-Directed Version

- 1. Demonstrate how to play with four children as players. Place the stack of cards in a pile facedown in front of the players. Give each child a Café Lotto Match game board.
- 2. Player A quickly turns over a card for Player B, shows it **for just two seconds**, and then hides it. Player B says the number of diners on the card. Player A shows the card and they count the number of diners on it, checking the answer. If Player B has subitized the correct number of diners **and** has a matching table and chairs on his or her game board, he or she places the card on that table on his or her board. If there are no matching tables available on Player's B game board, he or she must put the



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card back on the table in a discard stack. Then play repeats, with Player B turning over a card for Player C, followed by Players C and D, and D and A.

3. As the game progresses and they run out of cards, children can reshuffle the discard stack. The first child to fill up his/her game board wins.

Teacher-Led Version

Play a simplified version of this game. You can hold up and show a Café Lotto Match card for only two seconds and have the child whose turn it is check to see if he or she has a space with the matching number of chairs.

Note: For children who need one-on-one support, play a simple counting game. Have the child turn over cards, count the diners, try to find matches on his or her board by counting the chairs, and then place the card on his or her game board.













































































































