

Less than You

Object: Collect three cards whose sum is less than your partner's.

Players: 2

Card Values: Ace = 1

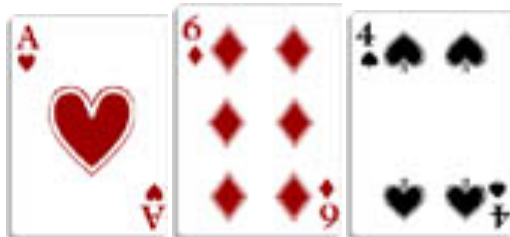
2 through 10 = the value on the card

Remove Jacks, Queens, and Kings.

Directions: The dealer supplies each player with 3 cards. Players take turns drawing one card from the remaining deck and discarding an unwanted card in the discard pile. When a player thinks the sum of the values of the cards in his hand are less than those of his opponent's, he calls out "Less than You" for his turn. The opponent gets to draw another card and discard, then both players show their hand. If the player who called "Less than you" is correct, then he wins the round. If he is incorrect, his opponent wins the round.

Sample Hand:

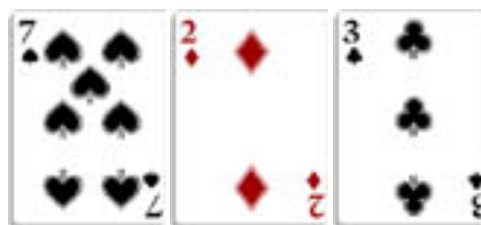
Me



My total:

$$1 + 6 + 4 = 11$$

Opponent



Opponent's Total:

$$7 + 2 + 3 = 12$$

My opponent's sum is greater than mine, but I don't know what he has. I will want to draw and replace at least twice before I say "less than you" as my turn. My opponent's hand isn't low either, so he or she will probably want to draw and replace at least two or three times as well, before saying "less than you" on his turn.

If I said "less than you" and these were the cards shown, I would win the round because 11 is less than 12.

Play at least 10 rounds - recording who wins each round and by how much. The person who wins the most rounds out of 10 wins the game.

Variations:

- For lower levels, decrease the cards in a hand to two or one.
- For middle school, have red cards represent negative integers and black cards positive integers.
- Include Jacks, Queens, and Kings as 11, 12, and 13, respectively, for practice with larger addends.
- For lower levels, use ten-frames instead of playing cards so students can use the visuals of the ten-frames to build number sense and the concepts of addition, greater, and less.

Less than You - Recording Sheet

Player 1_____

Player 2_____

Round	Player 1 Total	Player 2 Total	Who had less?	How much less?
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				