

Make the Smallest Product

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Materials: deck of cards (10s removed), calculator

1. Work with a partner. Shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile.
2. Take four cards each and arrange them to make a two-digit by two-digit multiplication problem. The aim is to make the **smallest** product possible.
3. Write out your multiplication problems and solve them.
4. Check each other's answers with a calculator. The player with the **smallest** product scores 1 point.
5. Keep going until one of you has 10 points.