

★ Quicklook at "Speed Tables"

How to play

You need two players who sit opposite each other.

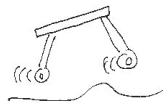
Player One shuffles the multiplication cards and places them in a pile face down, and places the answer board so that it is the right way up for Player 1 and upside down for Player Two.

Player Two has a board with five blanks and a very good memory for tables.

Player One takes the top card and immediately reads it out. If Player Two can provide an answer BEFORE Player One has placed the card on the correct space on the answer board, Player Two can take the card and place it on one of the blank spaces on their board.

If Player One can place the the card in the correct answer space on the answer board BEFORE Player Two can answer, then the card stays in its place on the answer board.

The games ends when Player Two has filled the five blank spaces (Player Two is the winner) OR when all the cards are used up (Player One is the winner). Players then swap places and play again.



$$7 \times 9$$

Three Sixes?

Er Thirty... um... oops too late

$$7 \times 3$$

$$10 \times 4$$

$$6 \times 6$$

this way up!

$$3 \times 8$$

Seven times seven?

Forty nine. That was speedy wasn't it?

$$9 \times 8$$

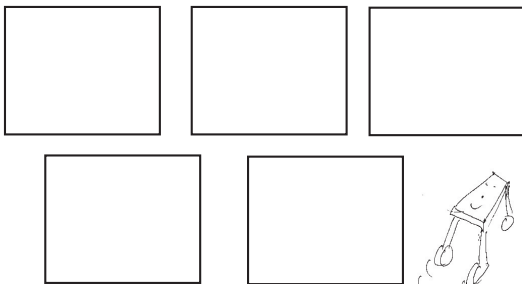
Multiplication cards - Game 1

$$5 \times 7$$

$$6 \times 7$$

Speed Tables - Answer board - Game 1

Speed Tables - Blank card spaces for Player Two



$$4 \times 6$$

$$2 \times 9$$

$$6 \times 8$$

$$7 \times 7$$

40	18	48	63
24	36	49	24
21	35	42	72

This activity has a simple purpose: to speed up children's recall of tables in a game-like format. Like all snap like games, it is also a very good way to get children to realise that playing fairly leads to a better game, but even if they cheat all the time, their recall is likely to improve.

The game can also be played by an individual against the clock, or without the pressure of the clock for those who prefer to consolidate their memory in a more leisurely fashion.

There are seven games here, and we suggest you photocopy them on different coloured card. This will speed up the sorting out and clearing up and make sure that the game is one that can be quickly fitted into short bits of time.