

How many? is a clever game of deduction for two players.

Rules are as simple as this:

Each player gets four cards with values 1-2, 2-3, 3-4 und 4-1. Each player shuffles his cards – make sure to turn cards upside down, too.

Then, each player takes his cards into his hand such that the card front faces the other player.

The goal of the game is to find out, which values are shown on the top of your own cards. The player who finds that out first is the winner.

In their turn a player can take one of the following three options. Then it is the other player's turn.

1. Ask for the sum of the values of any two own cards

Ask you opponent if the sum of the values of two of your own cards is a certain value. The sum can range from two to eight. The two cards need not be next to each other.

The opponent then answers the question in the following way:

"**Correct!**" - If the sum of the two cards equals the number the player asked for.

"**Greater!**" - If the sum of the two cards is larger than the number the player asked for.

"**Less!**" - If the sum of the two cards is less than the number the player asked for.

2. Only once per game: turn one of the cards of your opponent upside down
3. Guess the values of your cards:

For each of your own cards, tell from left to right, which values they show on their top. If the sequence is correct, you win. Otherwise, the game continues with the other player.

If you are looking for bigger challenges, then do not separate the eight cards into two equal set during set-up. Just shuffle all eight cards – do not forget to turn cards upside down – and deal four to each player.

How many? is a game designed by Ying-Tan Liu, originally released as "How many cats?" by Table Friends, a small publisher from Taiwan. Now, there are five new designs available, you can choose from monsters, eskimos, robots, lions, and missing teeth, published by Swan Panasia.

Have lots of fun guessing how many cat paws, monster eyes, partings in an eskimo's hair, whiskers, robots, or missing teeth there are.

Your Smiling Monster Team