

Product Pile-Up

Materials □ number cards 1–10 (8 of each)

Players 3 to 5

Skill Multiplication facts 1 to 10

Object of the game To play all of your cards and have none left.

Directions

1. Shuffle the cards and deal 12 cards to each player. Place the rest of the deck number-side down on the table.
2. The player to the left of the dealer begins. This player selects 2 of their cards, places them number-side up on the table, multiplies the numbers, and gives the product.
3. Play continues with each player selecting and playing 2 cards with a product that is *greater than* the product of the last 2 cards played.

Example Joe plays 3 and 6 and says, “3 times 6 equals 18.”

The next player, Rachel, looks at her hand to find 2 cards with a product higher than 18. She plays 5 and 4 and says, “5 times 4 equals 20.”

4. If a player is not able to play 2 cards with a greater product, the player must draw 2 cards from the deck. These 2 cards are added to the player’s hand. If the player is now able to make a greater product, the 2 cards are played, and play continues.
5. If after drawing the 2 cards a player still cannot make a play, the player says “Pass.” If all the other players say “Pass,” the last player who was able to lay down 2 cards starts play again. That player may select any 2 cards to make *any* product and play continues.
6. If a player states an incorrect product, he or she must take back the 2 cards, draw 2 cards from the deck, and say “Pass.” Play moves to the next person.
7. The winner is the first player to run out of cards, or the player with the fewest cards when there are no more cards to draw.