

## Domino Games



### Lonely Domino

Begin with all the dominoes face up. Choose one domino and announce that it is lonely and wants to join up with one or more dominoes whose number of dots total up to eight. Once a pupil has found an appropriate domino or pile of dominoes, place them next to the first domino and announce that the new domino (or pile of dominoes) is lonely and wants to find one or more friends with dots totalling up to twelve. Keep naming off different numbers, occasionally repeating numbers so that the pupil can see that there is more than one way to create the appropriate number.

### Domino War

Play just like the card game war, but flipping dominoes instead of cards. Encourage pupils to guess who has the higher number before naming the number. Pupils can both flip one domino, or two at a time adding them together before comparing the total with the other player's. Pupils can also incorporate subtraction into the game. Flip a single domino and subtract the smaller side from the larger side before comparing the difference with your opponent's.

### Which is missing?

One pupil takes two dominoes and announces the total number of dots. They then show the other pupils one of the dominoes and ask how many dots must be on the other domino.

### Domino collections

Lay all the dominos out face down. Take turns removing dominos and recording the number of dots. Older pupil use a sheet of paper and count up the dots, while younger pupils use an abacus/bead string or write the number of dots with tallies – four lines with the fifth going across, and two sets of five per row.