

# **OH NO!** **NOT ZERO!**

**Grades 1-3 MATH:** *Counting backwards (subtraction), comparing numbers & tally marks*

**Materials Needed:** *0-9 playing cards or Spinner 0-9 (calculator optional)*

**AIM:** *To be the last player to reach zero*

## **Directions for playing the game:**

1. Choose a number to start with: 20-100  
*(depends on the age or readiness of players)*
2. Players take turns playing one card at a time and subtracting the number from the original number and then from their new number until they reach zero.  
*(Record a tally mark for each turn on the scoring sheet as you go)*
3. The player with the lowest drawn card also records a tally mark.
4. The game is over only when both players reach zero.
5. The player with the most number of tally marks wins the game.

*“Everyone wins when playing math games”*

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*Start*

## PLAYER A

## ***TALLY MARKS***

50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	Number of Turns
40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	
30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	TOTAL

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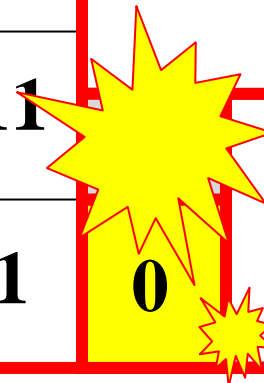


*Start*

*PLAYER B*

*TALLY MARKS*

50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	Number of Turns
40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	
30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	
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**Start**

**PLAYER B**

**20**

19

18

17

16

15

14

13

12

11

10

9

8

7

6

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4

3

2

1

**Number of Turns – tally marks**

**TOTAL**

**0**

**Finish**

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# ZERO!



Start

## PLAYER A

20

19

18

17

16

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Number of Turns – tally marks

TOTAL

0

Finish

