

Activities on Directed Numbers KS3 Non-Calculator

1. The aim of this game is to score a goal.

A goal is scored if you can combine two or more of the outside numbers to get the number, -10, at the center by using addition or subtraction or a combination of the two.

Each number may only be used once for each try to score a goal.

For example: $-2 - 8 = -10$, $2 - (-1) - 6 + (-3) + (-4) = -10$

Each goal scored is worth 5 points and each miss is worth -2 points.

If a goal is scored by using 5 or more of the numbers, you gain 10 points.

The game is played in pairs or two teams of two. Each team has one go at a time and the other team checks the answer and keeps their score.

The winner is the one with the highest score.

Decide on a time limit if you wish, say 5 to 10 minutes.

The two teams with the highest scores challenge each other while the others challenge a different team.

-2	-1	0	1	2
-3				3
-4	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">-10</div>			4
-5				5
-6	-7	-8	7	6

2. This game is similar to the game in question 1 but you **must** use **multiplication at least once** and you have the option of also using addition and/or subtraction.

For example: $\frac{1}{2} \times (-20) = -10$, $\frac{1}{4} \times (-20) + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{5} \times (-50)$
 $= -5 + (-5) = -10$

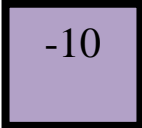
-40	-30	-20		5	-2	-3
-50		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{5}$		-4
-60		$\frac{1}{3}$	-10	$\frac{1}{4}$		-5

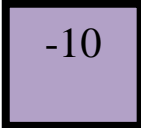
3. The rules of this game are the same as those for question 2.

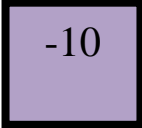
For example: $-4 \times 3 \times 8 = -96$, $(-9) \times 12 + (-3)(-4) = -108 + 12 = -96$

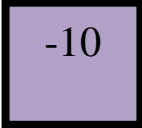
-11	-9	-8		5	-2	-3
-12		-6		6		-4
-15		8	-96	9		-5

These are provided for photocopying and cutting up.

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-4				4
-5				5
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There are far too many possible ways to score a goal!

HERE ARE SOME POSSIBILITIES:

1. $-3 - 7 = -10$ or written as $(-3) + (-7)$

$$-4 - 6 = -10$$

$$-5 - 6 + 1 = -10$$

$$-3 - 8 + 1 = -10$$

$$-3 - 8 - (-1) = -10$$

$$-5 - 7 + 2 = -10$$

$$-6 - 7 + 3 = -10$$

$$-8 - 7 + 5 = -10$$

$$-8 - 6 + 4 = -10$$

$$-1 + 0 + 1 - 2 + 2 + 3 - 3 + 5 - 5 - 7 + 7 - 6 - 4 = -10$$

$$-5 - 6 - (-1) = -10$$

2. $-2 + (-3) + (-5) = -10$, $-5 - 4 - 1 = -10$, $-8 - 5 - (-3) = -10$

$$\frac{1}{3} \times (-30) = -10, \quad \frac{1}{4} \times (-40) = -10, \quad \frac{1}{5} \times (-50) = -10$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \times (-60) = -10, \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} \times (-40) - 5 = -10$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \times (-30) + \frac{1}{4} \times (-20) = -10$$

3. $-12 \times 8 = -96$, $(-6) \times 5 + 6 \times (-11)$, $6(-11 - 5)$,

$$-12 + (-11) + (-9) + (-6) + (-4) - (9 \times 6) = -96$$

$$(-2)(6)(8), \quad (-2)(-6)(-8), \quad (-4)(-3)(-8), \quad (8)(-9) - (-6)(-4)$$

$$(-11)(9) - (-3), \quad (-6)(-3)(-2) - (-12)(-5),$$

I hope you find this useful.