

Points Game

So simple, it's ridiculous.

For some reason, my students CANNOT get enough of this game. They are dubious at first, when it just looks like a stack of little cards, but by the end of the session, they can hardly contain themselves.

- Laminate and cut apart cards.
- Spread cards out on table, facedown
- After a student answers a language question or practices a speech sound, he selects a card, and follows the directions.

That's it.

The way I play, everyone starts with a zero score, so if a student draws a "multiply" or "divide" card, their score will remain zero for that turn. I keep scores on the chalkboard or on a piece of scrap paper.

I like to keep a calculator handy and let the students use it themselves when they can't figure the new score in their head.

USUALLY the person who chooses the "add your phone number card" wins, because it immediately gives them a few million points, but I remind them that there is a "go back to zero" card and two "give half your points away" cards. I have found that the losers don't usually mind losing by MILLIONS. And the game can change really fast.

Add 50	Add 100	Add 30	Give half your points to the player on your left
Add 3	Add 8	Double your points	Add 4750
Add 600	Add 48,000	Draw 2 more cards	Triple your points
Go back to zero points	Divide your points by 3	Multiply your points by 4	Add 7500
Add your age times 5	Add your house number	Add 23,000	Add your phone number
Subtract your shoe size	Add 57	Multiply by your grade	Add 2983
Add the number of minutes in an hour	Add the number of hours in a day	Add the number of days in a week	Add the number of days in a year
Add the number of seconds in a minute	Add the number of months in a year	Give half your points to the player on your right	Multiply your points by 10

