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Using a deck of cards with numbers 0–10 (Ace = 1, Jack = 0), partners begin by splitting the deck roughly in half so that they each have their own deck of cards. Then each partner turns over 2 cards and calls out the sum of the numbers. Players check each other's sums, and the player with the largest sum wins the round and takes all of the cards. Adaptations include turning over 3 addends (3 cards each) or focusing on subtraction or multiplication.

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