

Draw Five - Difference Bingo

Number of Students: Pairs or Small Groups

Materials:

- 1 Difference Bingo board per group
- 1 deck of Difference Bingo cards per group (Numerals 10-30)
- 1 Pencil and scrap paper per person
- 10 unique coloured counters per person

Preparation:

Sufficient Bingo Boards need to be photocopied / printed.

Bingo cards need to be printed, laminated and cut

Bingo boards can be laminated for longevity, although this is not strictly necessary.

How :

The Bingo cards are shuffled and stacked as a deck, face down.

Each player is dealt 5 cards which are placed face up in front of them.

Players take turns to chose two of their cards, calculate the difference and then place a counter on the corresponding number on the bingo board. They then take two more cards from the top of the deck. Players cannot place counters on numbers that are already occupied.

The first player to get three counters in a row is the winner.

Students should be encouraged to choose numbers that would be beneficial (ie numbers adjacent to their own counters or that would block their opponent from getting three in a row) and to deliberately try to find pairs within their collection that would yield those numbers.

Students can use pen and paper methods based on place value renaming to support their difference calculations if necessary.