

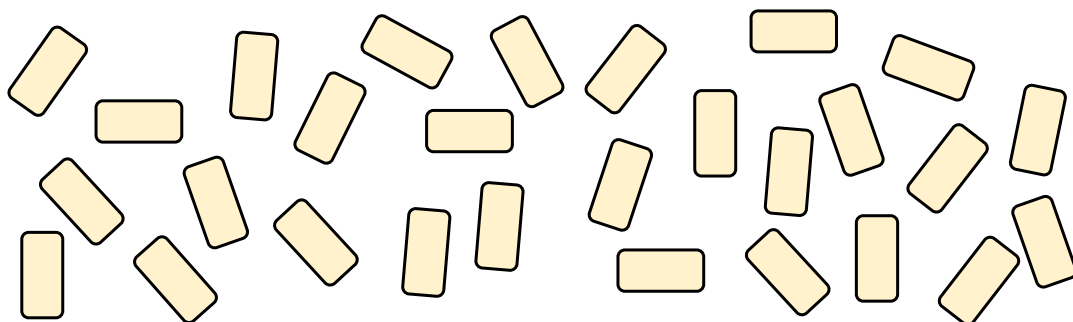
Difference dominoes

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A game for two players and a full set of dominoes.



There are 28 dominoes in a complete 1 → 6 spot set.

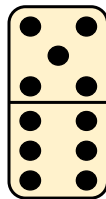
Place the dominoes face down on the table and shuffle them around.

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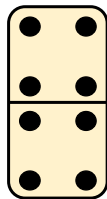
Each player takes two dominoes from the table.

They turn the dominoes over and work out the total of each piece.

This domino is worth 11



This domino is worth 8

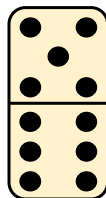


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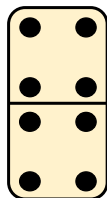
Each player then works out the difference between their two dominoes.

The difference between 11 and 8 is 3.

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This domino is worth 8

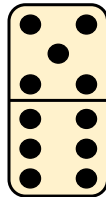


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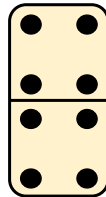
The difference between the dominoes becomes the players score for that round.

The players keep their dominoes at the end of each round.

This domino is worth 11



This domino is worth 8



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The game ends after five rounds.

The player with the highest score wins the game.

Vary this game by using...

- different set of dominoes; for example, 9 and 12 spot dominoes
- increasing the number of rounds