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## Subtraction facts game

Ask children to work in pairs and give each pair:

- a copy of the subtraction facts game board
- a set of 0-9 cards
- a set of counters or cubes in two different colours (one colour for each player)
- any practical apparatus they might need to support them during the game.

Place the 0-9 number cards face down on the table. Each player should take it in turns to pick a $0-9$ card. If their number is the answer to one of the subtraction questions on the board they can cover it with one of their counters/cubes. The winner is the first player who is able to place four of their counters in a line (or the person who has placed the most counters/cubes when all of the subtraction questions have been covered).


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Subtraction facts game board

| $9-4$ | $10-4$ | $6-6$ | $7-6$ | $10-2$ | $9-8$ |
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| $8-7$ | $10-9$ | $6-2$ | $9-2$ | $7-5$ | $8-4$ |
| $8-2$ | $10-5$ | $8-6$ | $10-3$ | $7-4$ | $9-3$ |
| $8-5$ | $9-1$ | $6-3$ | $10-10$ | $9-7$ | $8-3$ |
| $10-1$ | $7-3$ | $10-6$ | $8-1$ | $10-7$ | $9-5$ |
| $6-4$ | $9-6$ | $7-2$ | $10-8$ | $8-3$ | $7-1$ |

