

In-Class Game

Countdown (Lesson 3-5)

● **Get Ready!** _____

Separate the class into groups of four.

- Countdown master, p. 6

● **Get Set!** _____

Make a copy of the Countdown master on page 6 for each student in the class.

● **Go!** _____

- The first player begins with any number and counts down by subtracting the same number repeatedly. For example, the player may choose 67 and count 67, 64, 61. Each player stops after three numbers.
- The next player continues the countdown where the preceding player left off. In our example, that would be 58, 55, 52. Each player continues the countdown until one makes a mistake or until a team reaches 0.
- A player who makes a mistake is penalized 1 point. A player with 3 penalty points is eliminated from the round. The winner is the last survivor and gets to choose the next number.
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