

## Counting to 987 654 321

Stepping Stones : Teambuilding & Empowerment

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral

Duration exercise : 15 min.

### Objectives

The learner can name numbers in random sequence.

### Materials

Playing cards in sets of 1 to 9, one set per pair.

### Instructions

- Divide the group into pairs.
- Give each pair a set of playing cards.
- **Step 1**  
Learners A & B take turns at picking one card and name the number.
- **Step 2**  
Learners A & B take turns at picking two cards and name both options.  
e.g. 5 & 6 => 56 & 65
- **Step 3**  
Learners A & B take turns at picking three cards and name all the options.  
e. g. 4 & 3 & 8 => 438 & 483 & 348 & 384 & 843 & 834
- And so on; the maximum is all of the nine cards.

### Tips for the instructor

This exercise is suitable for differentiating: some learners are practicing with one card while others are using all the cards.

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