

Notes for *Twenties*

Level: 2-3

Recommended # of Players: 2-4

Materials: 45 chips, 54 *Twenties* dominoes

Math Skills: Addition of several one-digit numbers; missing addends (subtracting a number from 20)

Mathematical benefits:

Twenties is a great game for children who are developing fluency adding small numbers (1-10). Players must also subtract numbers from 20 in order to find the best placement for their domino. Before they can decide to place their domino, children must conduct calculations on several rows and compare the answers to the dominoes that they have.

Players may either keep their dominoes face-down or allow others to see them. This should be discussed by the children prior to playing the game. The teacher may want children to play with their dominoes face-up. Children can use this information to help each other decide where to place their dominoes. For example, this may prevent another player from making a line of 20. By doing this, children will actually be required to do *more* mental calculations and are more mentally engaged throughout the game.