

# Double, Halve or Stay

**Mathematics:** This game will develop your child's understanding of doubles and halves which will support them when they are learning their timetables.

**How to Play:** This game can be played with two to four players. Choose two different coloured regular dice and decide on one coloured dice to represent the tens and the other colour to represent the ones. Choose a target number between 5 and 122. Players take turns to roll the dice. Once the dice are rolled a number is formed. The player then makes a decision to produce a number that is as close as possible to the target number. They can choose to:

- double their number
- halve their number
- keep the number as it is

The player closest to the target is the winner.

**Variations:** Instead of doubling and halving, you could work with some other numbers. E.g. Triple the number or divide it by 3 or quadruple the number or divide it by 4.

N.B Keep in mind when playing this game that halving some numbers requires a child to understand decimals which they may or may not know yet.  
E.g. Half of 7 is 3.5.

