



Beat That! is an easy dice game for 2 or more players.

It's a fun way to build confidence with numbers and also teaches place value.

You will need two or more dice, according to ability.

Roll the dice, name them and arrange them to make the largest possible number. For example, if you roll a 2 and a 6, you can place the 2 first to make 26 or the 6 first to make 62. Strategic thinking is practiced during this stage of the game.



If one of your players is still learning about larger numbers, see if they can say which individual number is larger (e.g. is 5 larger than 4?) and then arrange them from largest to smallest – you can try introducing the idea of what the new numbers might be called when they're ready for it.



Once you have a number you like, say 'Beat that!' and pass the dice to the next player.

The winner is the person with the largest number, that can't be 'beat'.

You can reverse play and try to make smaller numbers, or add extra dice to give you more options. Make this game your own – we've even tried an 'extra for experts' version where you roll twice and add your highest numbers together... tricky!



Once the kids get the hang of this, you can leave them to it. This also makes for a quick family game tournament – you choose if there's a prize and how many rounds decide the winner.

