

Instructions for the splitting game

Hi, my name is Isabelle and these are my helpers

[Introduce helpers]

[For USC: please put your cellphones away and do not talk with each other. Pull dividers]

Today, we are going to play a game.

- [for K-5th grades]: In this game, you are going to win points. At the end, you can exchange the points for the toys you saw in the shop. Are you excited?
- [for USC]: At the end of the experiment, you will be paid a \$7 show up fee and 4 cents for each point you obtained.
- [for 6-12th grades]: at the end of the experiment, you will be paid 4 cents for each point you obtained with an Amazon gift card.

You will play with another person in this room. You will play with different persons in different rounds. Each time the computer will decide who you are playing with but you will not know who this is, and the point is not to find out.

This game is called the “splitting game”. You will be playing with someone in this room but remember, you will not know who this person is. Each of you will see a screen like this.

[SLIDE 1]

There are 3 cards and you need to pick one.

Now, what’s in each card?

Each card has two numbers. The number at the top is the number of points you will have if you pick that card. The number at the bottom is the number of points your partner will have if you pick that card.

These numbers are hidden but you can see them by clicking on them. For instance, if I want to know the number of points I will get if I choose the second card, I click on it.

[SLIDE 2]

And if I want to know the number of points my partner will have if I pick the third card, I click on it. When I click on a number, it stays on the screen.

[SLIDE 3]

You can see as many or as few numbers as you want. You can pick a card without looking at any number, or you can look at some numbers, or you can look at all the numbers. It is entirely up to you. When you have a high number in one card, the number of points for your partner in that card can be high or low and vice versa. You decide which numbers you look at.

When you have decided which card you want to pick, click on the square at the bottom of the card. After clicking, you cannot make any changes, so you need to be sure of your choice before clicking.

You will be playing this game several times, each time with different cards and each time with a different partner. You will not know what your partner chose. At the end, the computer will tell you how many points you earned in the splitting game. These points are the points you gave to yourself and the points that all your partners gave you.

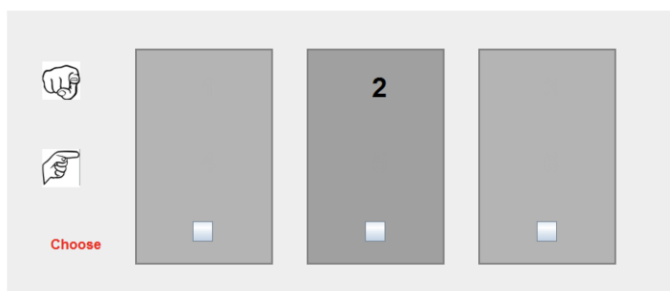
OK, let's first play for pretend to see how the game works. Remember, this game does not count for real.

If you want to know how much you will earn if you select the first card on the left. What do you do? If you want to know what your partner will get if you select the card in the middle, what do you do?

Let's play for real now.

[Announce each new game]

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