Math task cards: a free template and how to use them

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Free math task cards: 4 or 8 to a page with cut lines, a recording sheet and an answer key, plus an on-screen self-check that saves nothing. No sign-up.

Peabody Teach's task card maker prints free math task cards, 4 or 8 to a Letter page with cut lines, plus a numbered recording sheet and an answer key. The questions come from Peabody's practice bank (adding, taking away, times tables, dividing) or from a list you paste. The same deck also runs one card at a time on a screen as a self-check that saves nothing. No sign-up, nothing sent, and Peabody is free through the end of 2026.

What you get

- Numbered cards. Each card has its number, the deck's title, the question and three answer boxes, A, B and C.
- 4 or 8 to a page. Big cards for young students or a wall, small ones for a center tub.
- 8, 12, 16, 20 or 24 cards. If a source holds fewer, the maker says how many it gives.
- A recording sheet. A name line and a numbered grid. Students write the letter of their answer in the box with the card's number.
- An answer key on its own page.
- New cards deals a fresh deck from the same source.

The wrong boxes are the bank's own near misses, the slips children actually make, so a card isn't solved by ruling out a silly answer.

Where the questions come from

- Source: The bank · What it holds: Adding, taking away, times tables and dividing in parts, plus word meanings
- Source: A passage · What it holds: A reading passage's own questions
- Source: My list · What it holds: Your "question: answer" lines, with wrong answers made from your other answers

Pick a grade first and the maker opens on that grade's usual skill. Sight words can't go on a card, because they are meant to be read aloud, so for kindergarten choose another part of the bank or paste a list.

For math beyond facts, such as word problems, place value, fractions or measurement, use My list: one question and its answer a line, like 3 tens and 4 ones: 34. The maker prints them the same way, with three boxes and a key.

The self-check

Press Self-check on this screen and the deck plays one card at a time on a class device:

- three big boxes to tap,
- "Yes! That's right." or "Not that one. Try again." straight away,
- a running count, such as 3 of 12,
- a speaker button that reads the card aloud with the device's own voice,
- and at the end, how many were right on the first try.

There is no name field, no score saved or sent, no leaderboard and no links out of the player. The tally lives in that browser tab only; reload and it starts over. That makes it safe to hand to a student at a center.

How to run task cards in a math center

1. Teach the skill first. Task cards are practice.
2. Print, cut and number-check. Laminate a set you'll reuse.
3. Model one card. Read it, pick a box, write the letter on the recording sheet in the right number.
4. Students work in any order. Numbered boxes on the recording sheet mean they can start anywhere.
5. Check with the key or the screen. Students check their own sheet with the key at the end, or use the self-check to find out as they go.
6. Look at the misses. If the same card trips up many students, that skill comes back tomorrow.

Task cards also work as a scoot game around the room, an early-finisher tub, or a quick small-group check.

Nothing sent

Your settings, and any list you paste, stay in your browser and ride after the # in the address. A link to the deck opens the same cards on another computer, and nothing reaches a server.

If you'd rather a printed quiz from the same sources, the quiz maker uses the same bank. For a daily warm-up that mixes in earlier facts, see the morning work maker. And for reading time after the center, Peabody's free stories are leveled from the earliest readers to 8th grade.

Questions

Is there a free math task card template?

Yes. The task card maker prints math task cards 4 or 8 to a Letter page with cut lines, a numbered recording sheet and an answer key, with no sign-up, free through the end of 2026.

Can task cards be self-checking without an account?

Yes. The self-check shows the same deck one card at a time on a screen, tells the student right or wrong straight away and lets them try again, with no name, no account and nothing saved.

Can I make task cards with my own questions?

Yes. Choose My list and paste one question and its answer a line. The maker makes the wrong answers from your other answers and prints the cards, recording sheet and key.

How many task cards should a center have?

It depends on the skill and how long the center runs. A center that lasts one session needs fewer cards than one that runs all week. The maker prints decks of 8, 12, 16, 20 or 24, and starts at 12.

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