

Card Counting

The simple plus-minus system is implemented as follows:

Start at the beginning of the shoe. Count always begins at zero, also called even.

Card	Value
2-6	count as +1
7-9	neutral, no value
10s and face cards	count as -1

Thus, cards 2 and 3 would be counted as plus two. Cards 7 and 8 would be zero. Cards 10 and face cards would be minus two. Cards 2 and 10 are zero (they neutralize each other). Cards 2, 10, 3 are counted as plus one (2 and 10 cancel each other out, the 3 remaining is plus one).

Practice counting the cards with a single deck until you can count the deck in less than thirty seconds (the deck should end up even when you're done). By all means, count by pulling two or more cards off the deck at a time. The more cards you can count at a glance, the more time you'll have available to see what else is going on in the game.