

Snap Ages 3+

Snap is a popular card game that can be played over and over again. Children use their reflexes and sharp observation skills to play the game.

What you need

Deck of cards

2-6 players

Activity

One player deals out all the shuffled cards around the group until there are no more left.

The players don't look at their cards, but hold them in a stack in front of them, face down.

To begin, the player to the left of the dealer takes his top card, turns it over and places it face up next to his own pile.

Then, the next player does the same, starting a pile of his own.

If, at any point, a player runs out of face-down cards, he simply overturns his face-up pile and starts again.

This is continued until a player notices that two cards on top of any of the face-up piles are the same, such as two fives or two eights.

If a player notices this, he says "snap!".

The first to do so receives all the cards in both of the matched piles and adds them to the bottom of his own face-down pile.

The game then continues and the winner is the player who ends up with all the cards.

Notes

You can also play the easy snap game. This variation of the game has only one central, face-up snap pile.

You can also play speed snap a very fast version of the game, with everyone turning their cards over at the same time, instead of in turn.