

The Game of Hearts

SUITS:



hearts



spades



diamonds



clubs

Vocabulary:

1. Hearts is played with 3 to 5 **players**.
2. The **dealer** will **shuffle** and then **deal** all the cards.
3. The game is played in **clockwise** order.
4. You **go** when **it's your turn**. That means you put down a card.
5. Players must follow the **suit** that is led. That means if the first person put down a **club**, you must put down a **club**.
6. Whatever suit is put down first is **trump**. That means the high card of that **suit** takes the **trick**. The **trick** means that group of cards.
7. When **it's your turn**, you must play the suit that is **trump** unless you don't have a card of that **suit**.
8. You cannot lead a **trick** with a heart until **hearts are broken**. Hearts are broken when someone did not have the **suit** that was **trump** and instead put down a heart.
9. In this game, 2 is the lowest card and **Ace** is the highest card. **Jack** is higher than 10 and **Queen** is higher than **Jack** and **King** is higher than **Queen**.
10. A **hand** means all the cards you have in your hand. Next hand means the next time the cards are shuffled and you get a group of cards.

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1. You want to give away all your hearts and the Queen of Spades.
(OR: You want to keep ALL the hearts and the Queen of Spades, but that is *very* difficult.)
2. Points are bad. You don't want points.
3. Each heart is 1 point. The Queen of Spades is 13 points.
4. If you take all the hearts and the Queen of Spades, you give all the other players 26 points. You get zero.
5. The game is finished, when one player gets 100 points. The player with the lowest points is the winner.

How to Play:

1. First, deal all the cards.
2. Then, each player gives the next player 3 bad cards. (First hand, give to the player on your left. Next hand, give to the player on your right. Next hand, give to the player across from you. Next hand, keep all your cards.)
2. Then the player who has the 2 of clubs starts.
3. Everyone will play a club. The highest club takes all the cards.
4. If you do not have clubs, you can play any suit.
5. The player who took the cards (the trick), starts next. She can play any card, but not a heart if no hearts were played before.

Remember:

1. It is not just the highest card that takes the cards, it is the highest card of the suit that was started (the trump suit).
2. If you are not the last player, be careful about putting down a high card! Maybe you will have to take a heart or the Queen of Spades!

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True or False Questions:

1. After the cards are all dealt and you look at your hand, pass your 3 worst cards to the player on your right.
2. The first card that is played in the game is the 2 of clubs.
3. You must always play a card of the suit that was started in each trick, if you have one.
4. If you do not have a card from the suit that was started, you must pass.
5. After you play, the player to your left plays next.
6. Ace is the lowest card.
7. The highest card always takes the trick.
8. If you take a heart, you get zero points.
9. The Queen of Spades is 13 points.
10. If you take all the hearts and the Queen of Spades, you get 26 points.
11. Always play the highest card you have of the trump suit, so you get the trick.
12. The first player to get 100 points is the winner.