

How to Play the Pairs Card Game

To make a set of cards

Print 2 copies of your chosen set of pictures. Glue them onto card (or coloured paper and then laminate them). Carefully cut round each card.

If making multiple sets of cards - use a different colour paper/card for the back of each set. The back of each set should be identical. Children who can not cut precisely will need an adult or older child to make the cards.



Playing the Game

Number of players: 2-4 per set of cards (a larger group can play, but may find the game frustrating)

Setting up the game: Shuffle the cards and place them face down on the table or floor. Sit all the players in a circle around the cards.

Objective: Players try to remember where cards of each type are hidden.

Playing the game: The first player turns two cards over so that all players can see them. If the cards are a matching pair the player takes the cards and has another turn. If the cards do not match, the player turns them face down (without moving their location) and the player to their left takes a turn.

Ending the Game: Play continues until all the cards have been taken.

Winning: The winner is the player with the most pairs.

Tip: If playing with a younger child, start by using a smaller number of paired cards.

