

Card games

Task 1: A description of card games.

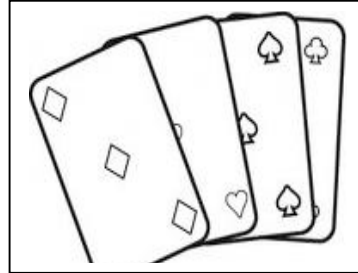
A) Read 'Snap basics'. What do these numbers refer to?

one _____ *you need one deck of cards*

two _____

four _____

five _____



Snap basics:

The game: Snap is a game for up to five players. You need one deck of cards to play. Players have to pay attention and shout 'Snap!' when they see two cards with the same number or picture. The winner is the player with all the cards at the end of the game. This game is very noisy and very fast!

The cards: There are four suits: hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs. The highest cards are aces, then Kings, Queens, Jacks, 10s and so on down to 3s and 2s.

B) Read 'Snap instructions'. Why is the game noisy?

Snap instructions:

1 *Shuffle* the cards.

2 One person *deals* each player an approximately equal number of cards, *clockwise, one at a time* and *face down*. Use all the cards in the deck.

3 Each player puts their *pile of cards* face down in front of them. Players must not look at their cards.

4 The player on the left of the dealer *goes first*. He or she places the top card from their pile *face up* in the centre of the table and says the name of the card, for example, 'The three of diamonds.'

5 The next player places the top card from their pile face up on top of the previous cards and says

the name of the card, for example, 'The Jack of clubs'.

6 The game continues in the same way in a clockwise direction until a card number or picture is repeated. If a player places a card on the pile that has the same number or picture as the previous card, any player can *shout* 'Snap!', and quickly put his or her hand on the pile and take the cards. This is the noisy part!

7 If two or more people shout 'Snap!' at the same time, the person with their hand on the cards first wins the cards. This person adds the cards to their pile and the game continues.

8 When a player uses all the cards in their pile, they are *out*. The player with all the cards at the end of the game is the winner. Play again?

Task 2: Vocabulary, play and write.

A) Look at the words and expression in *italics* in the instructions. Can you write them next to the correct definition?

	1 Moving in the direction of clock hands
	2 With the image covered
	3 With the image showing
	4 Say in a loud voice
<i>shuffle</i>	5 Mix the cards
	6 Eliminated
	7 Gives out
	8 A number of cards on top of each other
	9 Starts
	10 One, then another, then another...

B) Circle the correct preposition to complete these extracts from the instructions.

1 Players must not look ~~at~~ *in of on* their cards.

2 The player *at in of on* the left of the dealer goes first.

3 The three *at in of on* diamonds

- 4 The game continues **at in of on** the same way
- 5 If two or more people shout 'Snap!' **at in of on** the same time
- 6 The player with all the cards **at in of on** the end of the game is the winner

C) Which of these expressions can you use in a card game? When could you use the other expressions?

- 1 Click on the icon.
- 2 Don't look at my cards!
- 3 No cheating!
- 4 I can see your cards!
- 5 I'm out.
- 6 I've won!
- 7 It's your turn to play/deal/shuffle.
- 8 Move your counter.
- 9 Pass the dice please.
- 10 Press the green button.
- 11 The queen of diamonds
- 12 Two nil!
- 13 Snap!
- 14 Whose turn is it?

D) Are you ready to play Snap? Read the instructions again and play a game of Snap. Use some expressions from exercise C.

E) Make a list of games with a partner. Can you write instructions for a game?