

SNAP

Snap is one of the simplest card games for children to learn and play. It is a great game to play with phoneme cards or Camera word cards. Although it is usually played with only 2 players, it can be played by up to 8 people at a time. The object of the game is to win all the cards, by being first to slap "SNAP" each pair that is played into the centre.

The dealer must shuffle the cards and deal them one at a time face down, to each player in rotation, until all of the cards have been dealt. It does not matter if the hands are not even. The player must then hold their cards face down in a pile in front of them. The player to the dealer's left starts. When it is their turn, each player must take the top card on the pile in their hand and place it face up in the centre (centre pile). In doing so they must turn up the card away from themselves so that they do not see what that card is before any of the other players.

It is only when the card played to the centre is the same as the card on the top of the centre pile (the card that was last played) creating a pair, that the game becomes interesting. The first player to see and slap their hand down on the pair takes it, as well as the centre pile beneath it. They must then add these cards to their own pile and shuffle them in order to separate the pair snapped and keep the game fair. When more than one player slaps at a pair, the person whose hand is lowest (directly on top of the pair) wins the pile.

When a player has no more cards left, they remain in the game until the next pair occurs. They may slap at the pair in the hope to get a new pile. However if they fail to win that next pile they are out of the game. The game continues until one player has won all the cards. That player is the winner.

