

Family card game

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Level 3 • Elementary

Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aims: To use questions to win a game; to practise using family vocabulary; to collect a whole family of cards; to practise answering questions

Time: 20–30 minutes

Student grouping: Small groups, whole class

Materials: One copy of the worksheet for every three to four students; an extra copy of the worksheet, with cards cut out; multiple pairs of scissors

Language focus: *Have you got ...? Yes/No; John, Ann, Olivia, Harry, Betty, Brown, Evans, Jones, Smith, Taylor; shuffle, deal, right, left*

- One player asks the player on their right for a card, for example 'Have you got John Brown?' If that player has the card, they must say 'Yes' and give this card to the first player. In return, the first player gives them one of their cards that they do not want. That is the end of their turn. If the player says 'No', that is the end of their turn. The next player turns to the right and asks a question and so on.
- The first player to collect all five members of one family shouts 'I've won!' and puts all their cards on the table for the others to check.

The class now plays the game in their groups.

Follow-up activity

Play the game again but this time, collect all the Bettys or all the Johns, etc.

Procedure

Step 1

Teach *Have you got ... ?* by holding up a pencil and asking 'Have you got a pencil?' Repeat with *book* and *bag*. Children ask each other and answer.

Step 2

Show the ready cut-out cards you have and say the first names and surnames of each family member, for example 'John Brown' and 'Betty Smith'. Children repeat the names after you.

Step 3

Put children in groups of three or four and give each group a worksheet. The students cut out the cards.

Step 4

Introduce *shuffle, deal, right* and *left* with your cards.

Step 5

Tell the class they are going to play a family card game. Show them how to play the game by demonstrating with two or three children:

- Shuffle a set of cards and deal each player five cards.
- The aim is to collect one family, so they must decide which family they are going to collect.

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John Jones



Ann Jones



Olivia Jones



Harry Jones



Betty Jones



John Smith



Ann Smith



Olivia Smith



Harry Smith



Betty Smith



John Brown



Ann Brown



Olivia Brown



Harry Brown



Betty Brown



John Taylor



Ann Taylor



Olivia Taylor



Harry Taylor



Betty Taylor



John Evans



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