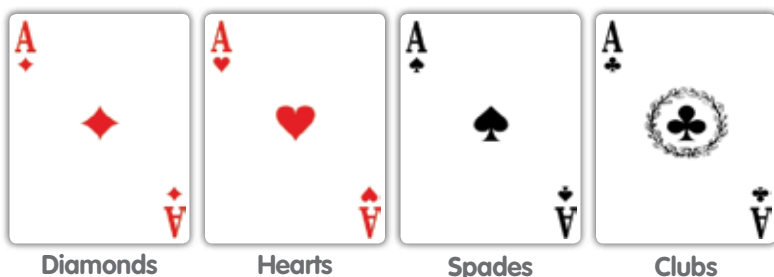


# VOCABULARY CARDS



Learn some useful words and expressions to use when playing cards.

**A deck of cards** – 54 cards (including 2 jokers) form a deck of cards. Most decks of cards have four suits:



Diamonds      Hearts      Spades      Clubs

Here are some of the most important cards in a deck of cards (the cards with a rank):



Ace      King      Queen      Jack      Joker

- Trumps** – the suit that you decide is the most important in a game of cards. A trump card will beat a card of any other suit. Typical expressions: *Hearts are trumps; I'll trump your card.*
- Dealer** – the person who gives cards to each player.
- To bluff** – to act as if you have good cards, even if you don't really.
- To bet** – to play cards for money.
- A loser** – the person who loses the game.
- The rules** – the laws for playing the game.
- A cheat** – a person who breaks the rules. Typical expressions: *Stop cheating! You cheat!*
- A player** – someone who plays a

- game.
- An opponent** – the person you are playing against.
- A turn** – if it is your "turn", it is time for you to deal the cards, or to take a card. Typical expressions: *Whose turn is it? It's my turn. It's your turn.*
- A card** – you can do many things with the cards: deal the cards (give cards to each player), shuffle the cards (mix the cards), draw a card (take a card), fold your cards (throw your cards into the middle as a way of saying that you don't want to take part in that particular round any longer).
- Winner** – the person who wins the game.

# TYPICAL DIALOGUES THE GAME OF CARDS

Listen to this dialogue and learn some useful vocabulary and expressions.

In this conversation, Pete and Gordon are playing a game of cards.



IT'S YOUR TURN TO CHEAT.

- Pete:** Go on then, shuffle the cards.
- Gordon:** How many cards this round?
- Pete:** Six. (Gordon deals the cards. They both check their cards.)
- Gordon:** I'll have three cards, please.
- Pete:** Here you are. (Pete gives Gordon his three cards.) I'm changing four.
- Gordon:** Right. I'll **bet** 4 euros.
- Pete:** You're bluffing. I can see it in your eyes. I'll **match** your 4 euros and raise you three.
- Gordon:** OK. I'll match your three and see your cards. What have you got?
- Pete:** Two pairs: two jacks and two queens.
- Gordon:** Not bad, but not good enough. I've got three kings.
- Pete:** How do you do it? You always win.
- Gordon:** I'm just lucky.
- Pete:** Yeah, right. (Pete notices something in Gordon's **sleeve**.) Hey, what's that card doing in your sleeve?
- Gordon:** What card?
- Pete:** That one that just fell onto the floor.
- Gordon:** Oh, this one. (Gordon picks the card up from the floor.) Erm...
- Pete:** You cheat!
- Gordon:** Hey, don't call me a cheat!
- Pete:** Well, what are you then?
- Gordon:** Erm... I was just keeping it there for... Hey, look, there's a giant spider on the ceiling. (Gordon points to the ceiling.)
- Pete:** Where? (Pete looks round, and Gordon runs out of the room.)  
A cheat and a **coward**. ☹️

**GLOSSARY**  
**to bet** *vb*  
to play cards for money  
**to match** *vb*  
if you "match" someone's 4 euros, for example, you also bet 4 euros  
**a sleeve** *n*  
the part of your shirt/jacket that covers your arms  
**a coward** *n*  
a person who is easily frightened or who won't face danger

Here are some typical poker hands (the cards you are holding in your hand) in order of importance:

**Royal flush** – five cards of the same suit in order, starting with the 10 and going up to the Ace.



**Straight flush** – five cards of the same suit in order.



**Four of a kind** – four cards that are the same rank or number.



**A flush** – five cards of the same suit (not necessarily in order).

