

Oh, no . . . 99!

This card game builds mental computation skills. It is also a great strategy game.

Materials: A deck of cards.

This game is for 2 to 6 players.

Playing the game:

The object of the game is to keep a running total less than 99 and to be the last player in the game the longest.

The card values for this game are:

Aces = add 1

Number cards = add their face value

Jacks = subtract 1

Queens = Wild cards – add or subtract any whole number from 0 to 10.

Kings = 0

- Deal 4 cards to each player.
- Set the rest of the deck in the center of the table face down, and turn one card over, creating a running total pile.
- Each player, in turn, places one of the cards in their hand on the pile to add to the running total. For example, if the running total pile starts with the two of clubs, and the player places the 7 of diamonds on top of it, the total is now 9.
- The player then takes a card from the remaining deck to replace the card s/he just played. Play continues to the next player. When a player cannot play a card without having the total exceed 99, that player is out of the game. Play continues until all players are out of the game except one.

Players must verbally create and answer an equation when laying a card on the discard pile.

In the example above, the two of clubs is on the discard pile and I

lay down the seven of diamonds on top of it, so I say $2 + 7 = 9$.

The next player will lay down his or her card (the jack of hearts for example) and say $9 - 1 = 8$, and so on.