

# Snap!

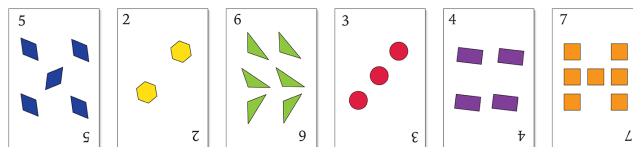
Players 2-5    Ages 4+    5-10 min

## GOAL

Be the first to notice two cards match to win the most cards.

## CARDS TO USE

Deck of Shape Cards with the Wild Cards removed



## HOW TO PLAY

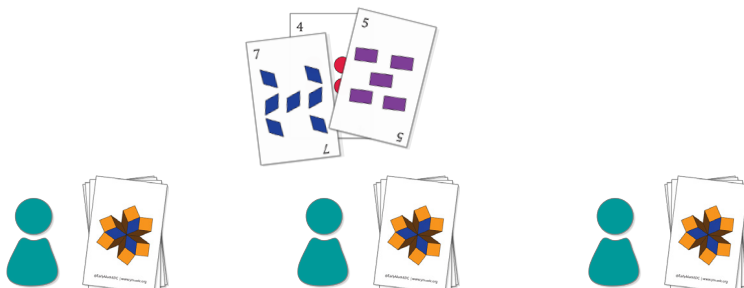
1. Shuffle the cards.



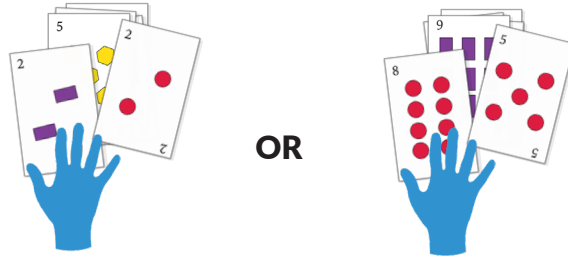
2. Deal all the cards face down into equal piles for each player.



3. Players take turns turning over their top card and placing it face up in a central pile on top of the previous card.



- If two cards placed consecutively on the pile match by **shape** or **number**, the first player to say, “Snap!” and place their hand on top of the central pile takes the pile of cards and adds them to the bottom of their stack.



- The player who gets all the cards wins the game.

### TIPS FOR PLAYING

- Instead of placing a hand on the central pile, players can clap their hands and say, “Snap!” Or players can touch the side of the table and say, “Snap!”
- If the game is going on too long, you can decide that the player with the most cards wins or call it a draw and have a rematch another day.

### WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING

- In this game, children are practicing their numeral and shape recognition, but their brains are working on a lot more than that. They have to pay careful attention to the cards other players put down and keep both matching rules in their head. Sometimes the cards will match on number, and sometimes on suit.
- Children are practicing skills such as taking turns, finding pairs or matches, and keeping track of and counting up cards. These skills are important in and of themselves because they allow children to access other opportunities for card games.
- Many card games have mathematical elements, including numeral recognition, comparing numbers, logic, strategy, rule

shifting, and classification, all of which are worthwhile and can extend children's learning outside of school. For most children, the game-playing skills take time, patience, and explicit support to develop.

## MATH TOPICS

Shapes and Geometry

Sorting and Attributes

## VIDEO



### Watch Game Video

View the QR code in your smartphone's camera app or QR code reader to watch a video that shows how to play *Snap!*