

Beggar your neighbour

Age: 6+ Players: 2-6



Preparation time: 0 mins

Resources

- 1 pack of playing cards or 2 if more than 4 children are playing

Object of the game

To win as many cards as possible.

Playing rules

Set a time playing limit in case no one wins outright. At the end of

the time, the player with the most cards is the winner.

Shuffle the cards well and deal them out to each player in a pile face down.

Decide the playing order. The first player takes the top card from their pile and puts it face up in the centre. The other players do the same. Play continues until an Ace, King, Queen or Jack (knave) is turned up. The player who places one of these cards on the central pile, demands payment from the next player: Ace – 4 cards, King – 3 cards, Queen -2 cards, Jack -1 card.

If, while paying, the player turns up another picture card, they stop paying and demand payment from the player next in order. This continues until someone pays up without turning up any picture cards. When payment is made the player who issued the payment card takes the entire pile of cards and puts them under their own pile, face down. A new round is then started by that player with the card from the top of their pile.

