

Cheat

PLAYERS 3 to 8 **DECK** 52 cards (two decks for a big group) **TYPE** Shedding **LEVEL** Easy
TIME About 20 minutes

THE GOAL

Be the first to get rid of all your cards, by playing them face down and claiming what they are.

SETUP

3 to 8 players, one 52-card deck (two decks shuffled together for a big group). Only ranks matter.

THE DEAL

Deal the whole deck one at a time. Some players may get one more card. The player left of the dealer starts.

A TURN

- Play one to four cards face down on the pile and say how many and which rank.
- Ranks go in order: aces, 2s, 3s up to kings, then aces again.
- You must play every turn, and you may lie about what you play.

SPECIAL CARDS

- Anyone may call “Cheat!” right after a play: turn those cards face up.
- If they were not what was claimed, the player takes the whole pile.
- If they were, the caller takes the whole pile. Play carries on in turn.

SCORING

- No points. Fewer cards in your hand means you are closer to winning.

WINNING

The first player to empty their hand, and survive any challenge on the last play, wins.

HOUSE RULES

- **Up, down or the same.** Instead of a fixed order, you may claim the rank just above, just below or the same as the last claim.
- **Up or down.** You choose between the next rank up and the next rank down.
- **Big group.** With many players, shuffle two or more decks together. Claims of five or more of a rank then become possible.