

SET!

81 cards and all of them different. Each card is unique, just like the game.

12 cards are placed face up on the table. All of the players use these cards to play at the same time. Who is the quickest and will be the first to find a SET of 3 cards? If the SET is correct, the player wins those 3 cards and they are removed from display. The display is then topped up with three new cards to complete the group of 12. Who will find the next SET? Excitement and challenges until the end!

The player who collects the most SET's is the winner.

WHAT'S A SET?

All 81 cards are different with respect to the following four characteristics:

Quantity	1, 2 or 3
Colour	red, violet or turquoise
Shape	Oval, Beam or Wave
Filling	Empty Shape, Half-Full Shape or Full Shape

Three cards together constitute a SET. But only if **each** of the four characteristics is either **absolutely identical** or **totally different**. When looking for a SET, each player must therefore always look at the cards and consider the following questions.

Is the **quantity** on all three cards absolutely identical or totally different?

Is the **colour** on all three cards absolutely identical or totally different?

Is the **shape** on all three cards absolutely identical or totally different?

Is the **filling** on all three cards absolutely identical or totally different?

And only if each of the four questions can be answered with a "yes" is there really a SET. For examples, see pages 15 - 17.

Playing the Game

- All **81 cards** are shuffled thoroughly and placed face down in a pile.
- **12 cards** are turned over and arranged in displays of 3 x 4 cards.



3 cards = 1 SET
Quantity, colour,
shape and filling;
either the same or
different

Shuffling the cards
and placing 12 of
them on the table

Wrong: the player misses a turn

Display can

"temporarily" be increased to 15 cards

The game is won by the player with the most cards

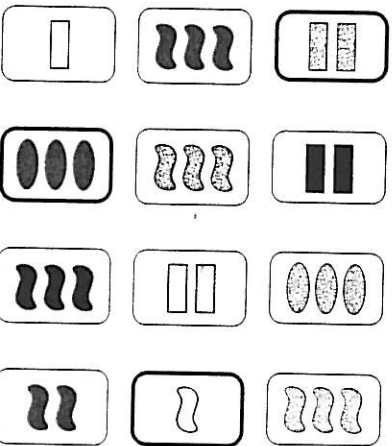
Playing with only one colour

Cards of one SET

can be located anywhere.

All players search at the same time, the quickest player shouts, "SET"!

Correct: the player receives the cards forming the SET, the card display is also topped up to 12 cards.



Please note:

The cards forming a SET do not have to be displayed in any particular arrangement; they can be anywhere in the group of 12. The three marked cards in the illustration are an example of a SET.

All players play simultaneously. Each player tries to find a SET as quickly as possible. A player who thinks s/he has discovered a SET shouts "SET" loudly and points out the SET immediately.

► **If the player has indeed found a SET,** the three cards forming the SET are removed and laid face down in front of the player. Anyone can top up the display with three new cards and the game continues.

► **If the player was wrong** and the cards pointed out do not form a SET, the game continues but the "incorrect player" is not allowed to continue playing until another player has found a correct SET.

No SET in the display? It is possible that the 12 cards on the table do not contain a SET (or that the players cannot find a SET for some time). In this case, an additional three cards from the pile are added to the display thus temporarily increasing it to 15 cards. However after the SET is found, the display is not topped up so that the game continues with 12 cards on display.

The end of the game

The game is over when all of the cards in the pile have been used up and no additional SET's can be found in the cards displayed on the table.

The winner is the player who has collected the most cards.

Game variations

SET for Beginners

An easier option for beginners and younger children is to restrict the game to the 27 cards of one colour. Thus the characteristic "colour" is

Master takes over
shuffling, displaying
and topping up the
cards

completely eliminated and the game is much simpler. The card display will then be reduced to 3 x 3 cards. All other rules remain unchanged.

SET Master

The competitive version of the game, with at least three players can last for as many rounds as there are players taking part. The players take turns to assume the role of SET Master and are responsible for shuffling and displaying the cards, and in particular for topping up the display after a SET has been found. However, the Master does not participate in the game.

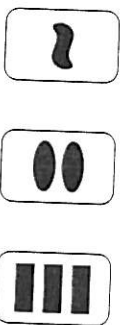
At the end of each round, every player adds up his or her points. Each card is worth one point. Then another player becomes the SET Master. The player who has collected the most points at the end of all the rounds becomes the competition winner.



Examples of a SET:



Quantity same or different? Yes, same!
Colour same or different? Yes, same!
Shape same or different? Yes, same!
Filling same or different? Yes, different!

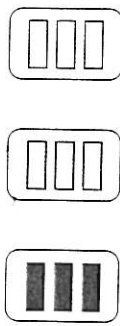


Quantity same or different? Yes, different!
Colour same or different? Yes, same!
Shape same or different? Yes, different!
Filling same or different? Yes, same!



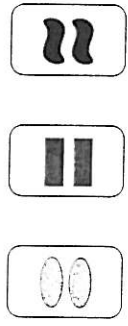
Quantity same or different? Yes, different!
Colour same or different? Yes, different!
Shape same or different? Yes, different!
Filling same or different? Yes, different!

No SET:



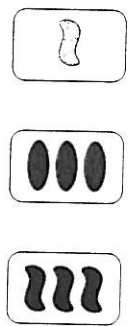
Quantity same or different? Yes, same!
 Colour same or different? Yes, different!
 Shape same or different? Yes, same!
 Filling same or different? No, either or!

The filling is neither absolutely identical or totally different because there are 2 empty ones and one full card



Quantity same or different? Yes, same!
 Colour same or different? No, either or!
 Shape same or different? Yes, different!
 Filling same or different? No, either or!

For the colour, there are 2 x red and 1 x turquoise
 For the filling, there are 2 x full and 1 x half-full



Quantity same or different? No, either or!
 Colour same or different? No, either or!
 Shape same or different? No, either or!
 Filling same or different? No, either or!

Nothing matches here! We have:

Quantity, 2 x three, 1 x one
 Colour, 2 x turquoise, 1 x violet
 Shape, 2 x wave, 1 x oval
 Filling, 2 x full, 1 x half-full

Note:

If two cards are...and the third one isn't, then it's not a SET!

