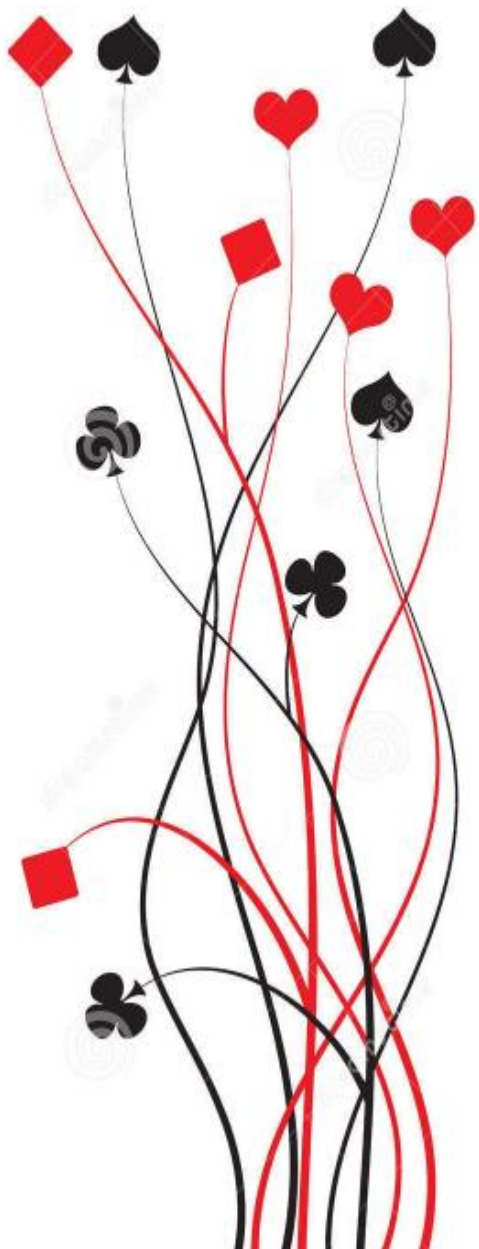


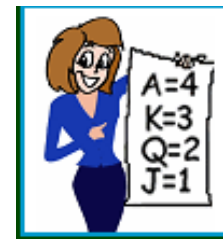


Bridge: First Steps

Teaching Aids



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Memory Trainer

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The following little exercise will help you train your memory to remember what's gone.

Warning: it's harder than it looks!

Take a pack of cards, shuffle them and then deal 26 cards face up in a pile.

How many diamonds have you got left in your hand?

Once you get good at it; add in the next step:

What is the highest diamond left in your hand?

Feeling confident? Try counting 2 suits!

German Whist

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This is a great game for two players.

Starting the game: Deal 13 cards each and then turn the top card of the remaining deck face up on the table.

You now play to win this card, the non-dealer goes first. Normal trick taking rules apply (follow suit if you can; highest card wins).

The winner takes the face up card and adds it to their hand.

The 'loser' takes the next card off the top of the pack and adds it to their hand.

(Note that it can be advantageous to 'lose' the trick).

The cards played to 'win' the face-up card are put on a discard pile to one side; they play no further part in the game.

Play for the next card: Turn the next card face up on the table and play for that one. The winner of the previous face-up card plays first to 'win' the next one. Carry on until the deck is used up.

The end game: Now play 13 more tricks, the winner of the last face-up card goes first.

The winner of the game is the one which wins most of these last 13 tricks.

Note that, *theoretically*, you should know every card in your opponents hand!

(You have seen the 26 cards played to win the face-up cards and you can see the 13 you have).

Trumps or No Trumps

You can play with or without a trump suit. One option is to play 5 games, first with Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts and then Spades as trumps; followed by a 'decider' in No Trumps.

Other Resources

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Hearts

There are various versions of this trick taking card game online. Hearts is great for practice as you really need to keep track of which cards have been played; or, more importantly, which ones are left!

kida

This app is available for Apple and Android devices and teaches you how to play card combinations; it also includes an element of defence. Just search for 'kida' in the Apple or Google Play stores.

Its fairly easy to start with...