

The Red and The Black

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Playing Time

Variable

N. of Players

From 2 to many

Difficulty Level

Easy

You will need

1 French cards deck



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“The Red and The Black” is a very simple narration game that makes use of a french cards deck and is suitable for very little kids.

The task of the players will be, in the simplest case, to disclose a card and narrate what happens in a story being built by the players.

This game is suitable for families, in the classroom and at parties to let the kids play. The number of players is from 2 to many.

Here is how to play.



Get a french cards deck and keep the jokers, so to have a 54 cards deck.

Shuffle the deck and place it in the middle of the playing board.

The first character starts to tell a story and then stops...

Example: Once upon a time there was a fisherman livin in a little home near the ocean shore...

From now on, in turn, the players will disclose the cards on the top of the deck and will follow the next rules:

If the card is of the red suit (hearts, diamonds) then “something good” happens in the story. **It’s important to leave freedom to the kid to narrate “what’s good”. Do not force him/her in the narration.**

Example: One day he went fishing and while he was far away from the shore he find a little golden fish in the net.

If the card is of the black suit (clubs, spaces) then “something bad” happens in the story. **It’s important to leave freedom to the kid to narrate “what’s bad”. Do not force him/her in the narration.**

Esempio: Suddenly, there was a violent storm and his little boat was crashed and he was forced to swim in the big ocean.

If the joker is revealed then it’s the player to determine what happens, and narrates good or bad events.

When a players has completed the narration it’s the turn of the next player that discloses a new card and the story goes on...

According to the number of players it’s a good thing to determine the number of turns before playing, otherwist the story may be too long.

The following table suggests a number of turns according to the number of players

N. of Players	Playing Mode
2	Shuffle the deck with jokers. The game will last for 12 cards and for 6 turns for each player.
3	Shuffle the deck with jokers. The game will last for 12 cards and for 4 turns for each player.
4	Shuffle the deck with jokers. The game will last for 16 cards and for 4 turns for each player.
5	Shuffle the deck with jokers. The game will last for 20 cards and for 4 turns for each player.
6 and more...	Shuffle the deck with jokers. Consider 3 cards for each player.

