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# **Instruction for Memory**

Memory has long been a favorite game for all generations. It is easy to play; in fact it is so simple that really young children can play with ease. I love this game because it helps a child learn to observe, concentrate and build their memory muscle. It is also an wonderful game to play alone or in a group.

# Object of the Game

• The object of the game is to collect the most matching pairs.

#### Instructions:

- Print out two copies of pages 3-8. You can also laminate them but it is not required.
- Cut out each heart (I would just cut a square around each one) lone.
- Shuffle the cards.
- Lay out the cards face down in rows forming a large rectangle on the table or floor. Make sure the cards are not touching each other. They need to be able to be flipped over without disturbing any cards around them.
- Decide who will go first. Typically it is the youngest player that goes first.

### Playing the Game

- The first player chooses a card and carefully turns it over. Be sure not to bother the surrounding cards.
- The player then selects another card and turns it over. If the two cards are a matching pair, then they take the two cards and start a stack. The player is awarded another turn for making a match and goes again.
- If the cards are not a match they are turned back over and it is now the next players turn.
- The next player chooses their first card and turns it over. If it is a match for one of the cards the previous player turned over then they try to remember where that matching card was and turn it. If they are successful at making a match they place the cards in their stack and choose another card.
- If the first card turned over was not a match for one previously turned over the player selects another card in an attempt of making a pair.
- If they are unsuccessful in making a match they flip the cards back over and play is passed to the next player.
- A players turn is not over until they are unable to make a matching pair.
- The game continues in this fashion until all the cards are played.

#### Winning the Game

• Once all the cards have been played the player with the most matching pairs is the winner.











