

The 7 Families Game



Instructions



Aim of the game

To collect as many families as possible.



Materials

28 cards depicting 42 characters. Each family is made up of 4 cards.



2 to 4 players

Gameplay

- The youngest player goes first. Players proceed clockwise.
- Hand out 5 cards to each player.
- The remaining cards become the draw deck.
- The players arrange their cards by grouping members of the same family together.
- The first player asks another player if they have a specific family member in their hand (must already be holding at least one card for that family.) For example, asks the person opposite, "Do you have Compass from the Shield family?"
- If the other person has that card, they hand it over, and the player who asked for it gets another turn. They ask another player if they have a specific family card.
- If the player doesn't have that particular card, the player who asked for it takes a card from the draw deck. (If the draw deck is depleted, no card can be taken.) It is now the next player's turn.
- The player who is first to collect a complete family announces "family!" and puts those cards down. They may immediately resume the game and ask another player for a different card.
- The game ends when all the families are complete. The winner is the person with the most families. In the event of a tie, the player who completes a family first wins the game.

The Families

The

Shield family



Grandparents



Compass



Pepper



Betty and Veronica

The

Respectful family



Mom and Dad



Big brother



Lucy



Little brother

The

Enlightened family



Parent



Uncle and Aunt



Noah



Basil

The

Equals family



Dad and Daddy



Grizzly



Little sister



Mister Tom

The

Liberty family



Mom



Dad



Billy



Brother and sisters

The

McPrivacy family



Mom and her boyfriend



Dad



Matt



Step-sisters

The

Safe-and-Sound family



Mom



Mummy



Older sis Fatma



Luna and Sami

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Possible topics for discussion

- Do you notice anything in particular about the composition of the families?
- Tell me about your family. Is there something that makes it unique?
- What did you notice about the characters – their clothing, hairstyles, etc.? Do you have any favourite characters?
- The 7 families in this game were inspired by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The UN charter stipulates that every child has rights and must be treated equally and fairly in all circumstances. This applies regardless of where you're from, who you are, what family you are growing up with, who takes care of you, what religion you practice or what language you speak. All of the world's children have the same rights. These rights encompass everything you need to survive, live, develop, thrive and achieve your full potential.

Based on the family names (Shield, Respectful, Equals, Enlightened, Liberty, McPrivacy, Safe-and-Sound), can you identify the relevant rights?

Among the people around us each day, there can be trusted adults we like a lot and who, deep down, we think of as family. It could be a friend of your parents, a neighbour you see often or a friend's parent, for example.

If we were to make cards with drawings representing your family, what would we see on those cards?



Articles of Law

The Shield family Article 19, Article 34, Article 36

You have the right to protection from violence and maltreatment, both physical and mental. You have the right to protection from sexual abuse. You have the right to protection from all forms of exploitation.

The Respectful family Article 12

You have the right to express your views, and adults must listen and give those views due consideration.

The Enlightened family Article 13

You have the right to seek information and to share information and ideas of all kinds verbally, in an art form, in writing or in any other manner, provided no harm or offense is done to others.

The Equals family Article 2

Each child is entitled to these rights regardless of who they are, where they live, who their parents are, whether they are a boy or a girl, rich or poor, have a disability, what language they speak, their religion or culture. Without discrimination and in all circumstances, every child has the right to be treated fairly.

The Liberty family Article 30

You have the right to have or to choose your culture, language and religion.

The McPrivacy family Article 16

You have the right to personal privacy.

The Safe-and-Sound family Article 27

You have the right to food, clothing, and a safe shelter where you can live and receive the care you need. You should not be disadvantaged but be able to do most of the things other children can do.



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To read the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child, go to <https://www.unicef.ca/en/policy-advocacy-for-children/about-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child>