

Practice a language with

— OLD MAID: —

Old Maid is a classic card game where players want to avoid being the losing player with the “Old Maid” card. Players take turns stealing cards from one another to make pairs and get rid of all their cards. Are you lucky, or will you be the old maid?

Also Known As: Black Peter (Germany), Old Boy (France)

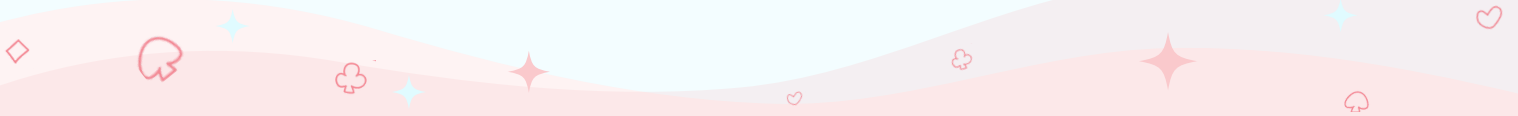
**What
you
need:**

Players: 2+

Materials: Speak in Spades Language Playing Cards (with Language Challenge Dice and 90 Challenge Booklet) OR a regular deck of playing cards (find a free set of 30 language challenges [here](#))

Language Challenge Highlights:

Players who collect and place down a pair of cards with the same value must complete a language challenge.



General Rules:

Deal 53 cards (52 cards + 1 Joker card) evenly among the players, and players can look at them throughout the game. From this point on, if any player has a pair of cards of the same value, they must place it down and complete a language challenge.

During a player's turn, they must take a card from the next players' hand at random and add it to their own hand. If the card has the same value as another card in their hand, they can place both cards down and complete a language challenge.

The card that determines the "old maid" of the game is the Joker card. Therefore, the winning players will have no cards at the end of their turn.

Pro Tip: Don't react if you have the Joker card! You don't want other players to know that you have the card!

The player with the Joker card loses the game and is called the old maid.

Step-By-Step Instructions:

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Remove one Joker card (if playing with our language playing cards, remove the wild cards) and shuffle the remaining fifty-three cards well.

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Deal out the cards evenly among the players.

- Players can look at all of the cards in their hand.

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If players have a pair of cards of the same value, they must place it face-up in front of themselves and complete a language challenge.

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The player left of the dealer begins the game. Players will take turns in a clockwise fashion.

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On the player's turn, they must take one card randomly from the next player's hand and place it in their own hand.

- If the card creates a pair with the same value in the player's hand, they must place it face-up in front of themselves and complete a language challenge.
- If the player has the Joker card, they should try to keep a poker face to avoid getting attention from the other players.

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Players with no cards left in their hands are the winners!

- **The player with the Joker card loses the game and is called the Old Maid!**