

Practice a language with **I DECLARE WAR:**

This game is a quick, fun, and easy game for a small group of people. Flip the top cards of each pile. The player with the highest value card wins the round and takes the other cards. The cycle continues until one player loses all their cards or one player collects the entire deck!

Also Known As: War, Battle

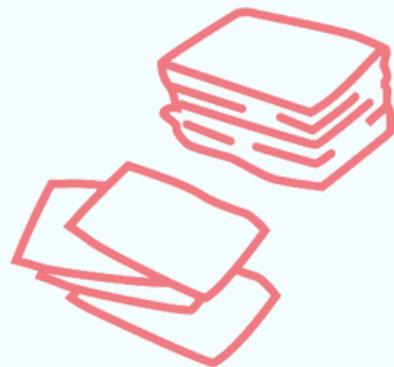
**What
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need:**

Players: 2+

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

Language Challenge Highlights:

- The player with the highest ranking card must complete a language challenge before taking the other cards played.
- If one player wins a “war”, then the player must complete two language challenges before taking all of the cards played during the round.



General Rules:

After dealing the cards evenly among the players, each player starts with a pile of cards face-down. Each round, players flip the top card of their piles simultaneously. The player with the highest ranked card must complete a language challenge before taking the other cards played.

If more than one player has the same winning value, then the players with winning cards must “go to war” and place three cards face-down followed by one card face-up. The player with the highest ranked card must complete two language challenges before taking all of the cards played. If more than one player has the same winning value, then the cycle repeats, adding one language challenge until there is only one winning card.

When one player runs out of cards, the remaining players should compare how many cards they have in their pile. The player with the most cards wins!

Notes:

The card value rankings are as follows: **2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A, Colorless Joker, Colorful Joker**

- In some variants of the game, 2s are ranked higher than A and there are no Jokers at all. Discuss the card value rankings with the group before starting the game.

Step-By-Step Instructions:

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Shuffle and deal the cards face-down to each player evenly.

- Players should not look at their cards. Each player should have a pile of face-down cards.

2

Each player flips the top card at the same time as the other players.

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The player with the highest ranked card must complete a language challenge before taking the other cards played.

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If more than one player has the same winning value, then the players with winning cards must place three cards face-down followed by one card face-up.

- The player with the highest ranked card must complete two language challenges before taking all of the cards played.
- If more than one player has the same winning value, then the cycle repeats while adding one language challenge until there is only one winning card.

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When one player runs out of cards, the remaining players should compare how many cards they have in their pile.

- **The player with the most cards wins!**