

Suits

The pack of 52 playing cards has 4 suits.

Each consists of thirteen cards, ranking from the lowest:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King and Ace.



Diamond

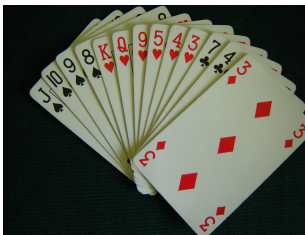


Spade



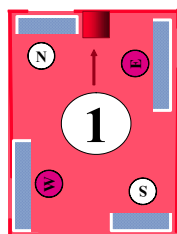
Hand

Thirteen cards dealt to one player; or the process of dealing, bidding, playing and scoring a hand.



Board

Stores a pre dealt hand to be played at different tables by different players. Used in duplicate bridge.



Trick

Each player playing one card in turn in a clockwise direction.

Lead

Play the first card in any trick.
(Or the card itself).

Opening Lead

The first card played in the first trick of the hand.

Other players must follow, i.e. play a card from the same suit as the lead, if they have one. The highest-ranking card wins the trick. Each hand consists of 13 tricks.

Discard

Where a player has no cards in the suit as the first card in a trick, "cannot follow", & plays another non-trump card.
(Discards can't win tricks)



Trumps (or Trump Suit)

A suit nominated for the duration of the hand to “outrank” all other suits. When a player cannot follow a non-trump suit lead, a playing a trump card will win the trick.

Another player who also cannot follow may use a higher-ranking card in the trump suit to overtrump and win the trick.

Trump

A card in the suit nominated; or use of such a card to win a trick in another.

Revoke

An illegal move consisting of failing to play a card in the same suit as the lead despite having at least one card in that suit available.

North/South East/West

The compass points used to refer to each of the four players at the bridge table.

Declarer

Plays both his hand and dummy to win the number of tricks declared in the contract.

Defence / Defenders

play their hands to prevent declarer making his contract.

Dummy

Declarer’s partner, who takes no part in playing the cards.

Rubber

A form of bridge for two pairs (one table) playing a series of hands and scoring the hands in a “cumulative” way.

Duplicate

A form of bridge for many pairs, sitting at several tables, playing the same hands; and the results are compared across all pairs.