

BRIDGE

How to Play in 15 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwgUS0fdi08>

History of the game of Bridge

- Been played as today since 1925
 - name comes from a Russian word
- Variations on what we know before that
- Same game is played all over the world
 - they say 300 000 play in the UK
 - perhaps 200 million players world-wide
 - China is the fastest grouping bridge population

Bridgerclub
Berlin

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WHAT'S THE AIM ?

BRIDGE IS A TRICK TAKING GAME

- Standard pack of 52 cards, in four suits
- Cards are shuffled and dealt to the 4 players
- The cards are played in 13 tricks
- Success is winning enough tricks

Deal – card pictures

The image shows a bridge deal interface with the following card distributions:

- North (N - Sit!):** A♠, J♠, 8♠, A♥, 4♥, Q♣, J♣, 10♣, 8♣, 3♣, A♦, Q♦, 6♦
- West (W - Sit!):** Q♠, 10♠, 2♠, K♥, 8♥, 6♥, 5♥, 9♣, 6♣, 4♣, 2♣, 4♦, 2♦
- East (E - Sit!):** 7♠, 5♠, 3♠, Q♥, J♥, 2♥, A♣, 7♣, K♦, 10♦, 8♦, 7♦, 5♦
- South (S - Sit!):** K♠, 9♠, 6♠, 4♠, 10♥, 9♥, 7♥, 3♥, K♣, 5♣, J♦, 9♦, 3♦

The interface also includes a menu icon (three horizontal lines) and a display showing 'D' and the number '1'.

Deal – card diagrams

D
1

N North - Sit!
♠ AJ8
♥ A4
♦ AQ6
♣ QJ1083

W West - Sit!
♠ Q102
♥ K865
♦ 42
♣ 9642

E East - Sit!
♠ 753
♥ QJ2
♦ K10875
♣ A7

S South - Sit!
♠ K964
♥ 10973
♦ J93
♣ K5

W N E S

WINNING TRICKS

FIVE EASY RULES

- someone leads to this trick
- play proceeds in a clockwise direction
- you must follow suit if you can
- the highest card of suit led wins the trick
- the winner starts the next trick

Playing Cards demonstration

- [Click here](#)

Different from other card games ...1

It is a PARTNERSHIP game.

two partners against two partners

partner sits opposite you

your combined trick total is what counts

labels : NORTH & SOUTH, EAST & WEST

Different from other card games ...2

Shuffling could give one side more high cards and more tricks than the other, so you choose a trick target.

higher targets get higher scores

.... but are more likely to fail

-> both sides always have a chance to win <-

Different from other card games ...3

One hand visible on the table

the “dummy” laid out after the opening lead, and those cards are played by the dummy’s partner in the usual clockwise sequence

This generates different problems for the declarer and the two defenders

Declarer's View

Back Home Main Bridge Club (Host: patr1cks)

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D 4

3NT South
0 0

Claim

N  patr1cks **2+**

♠ KJ76
♥ 10
♦ QJ94
♣ J974

W West  ♥ 6

E East 

S patr2cks

♠ A432
♥ AKJ9
♦ 105
♣ AK6

Defender's View

Back Home Main Bridge Club (Host: patr1cks)

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D 29

3NT East

0 0

Claim

N North - Sit!

E patr2cks

♥ 3

S  patr1cks 2+

♠ 95
♥ Q8765
♦ J108
♣ QJ

W West - Sit!

♠ K103
♥ A4
♦ A63
♣ AK953

Different from other card games ...4

We can have a trump suit or
play with no-trumps

- and different scores when playing no-trumps, when trumps is a major suit (♥ or ♠), and when trumps is a minor suit (♣ or ♦)

if played legally (remember you must follow suit) the highest trump played wins the trick

Play with a Trump Suit

- [Click here](#)

Different from other card games ...5

Bidding sets the target

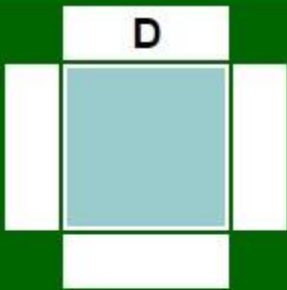
bids from 1♣ to 7N

always made round the table

always made in ascending order

last bid settles the contract

bidding for many = the biggest challenge



N North

♠ KJ6
♥ A7
♦ K9876
♣ AJ5

W	N	E	S
	1NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

W West

♠ 7542
♥ 1096
♦ A54
♣ Q72

E East

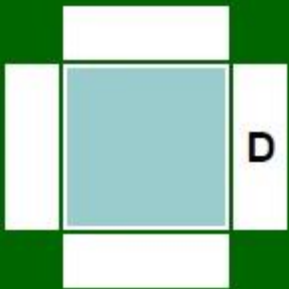
♠ 1098
♥ Q832
♦ 102
♣ K643

S South

♠ AQ3
♥ KJ54
♦ QJ3
♣ 1098

3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

North claims a slightly above average balanced hand, and South thinks that means they have a good chance at the 9-trick bonus for bidding 3N. North accepts that decision by passing.



N North

♠ J6
♥ J97
♦ 754
♣ AK862

W	N	E	S
		1♠	P
2♠	P	P	P

W West

♠ K543
♥ Q832
♦ 1098
♣ Q7

E East

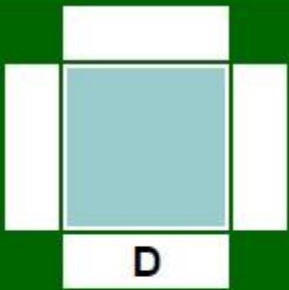
♠ AQ10982
♥ K5
♦ A32
♣ 109

S South

♠ 7
♥ A1064
♦ KQJ6
♣ J543

2♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

East claims an above average hand which would welcome spades as trumps; West agrees by raising but a minimal raise shows a below average hand; East decides that the 10-trick bonus is too much, and passes.



N North

♠ 854
♥ K762
♦ K103
♣ J98

W	N	E	S
			1♥
2♠	P	P	P

W West

♠ AQJ1093
♥ 10
♦ 9876
♣ Q10

E East

♠ K2
♥ 985
♦ J4
♣ A76542

S South

♠ 76
♥ AQJ43
♦ AQ52
♣ K3

South shows an above average hand with hearts, and West jumps to take away NS bidding spade, hoping not to give away too big a penalty.

2♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Duplicate Bridge is different again ..

- Dealing at random – luck still plays a part
 - how many different deals can we have ?
 - thousands more than there are stars in the universe
- Duplicate gives all Norths the same problem
 - same for South, East and West
 - takes away the random element
 - becomes much more a game of skill

*we don't
shuffle but
pass the
cards round
the room*



THAT IS WHAT IT IS ABOUT