

Number of Players: 3+ Grade level: K & up

**Cards:** Two decks of Alphabet Playing Cards (Recommend same color backs) **Instructions:** For each player, take four of a kind out of the two decks and put aside the rest of the cards. If you are playing with younger children, try to make sure that the cards are as different as possible. For example, if you were playing with 3 players you might choose the A's, T's and W's, <u>NOT</u> B's, D's and P's.

Shuffle your chosen cards well. Deal the cards so that each player has four. Now each player looks at their hand and sorts the cards out. The aim of the game is to collect four of a kind, at which point you quickly, and quietly, put a finger on your nose. If you see another player put a finger on their nose, you must do so too (regardless of whether you have 4 of a kind or not). The last player to put a finger on their nose gets a letter - first "P", then "I", then "G".

To play, choose which cards you want to collect then choose a card to discard and put it, face down, on the table in front of you. When everyone has a card on the table, simultaneously pass your card to the player on your left and then pick up the card which has been passed to you. Try to establish a rhythm - it can help if an adult says "down - pass - pick up, down - pass - pick up" to keep everyone going!

The first player to reach "P-I-G" is the loser. If you want a longer game, try playing with O-I-N-K or D-O-N-K-E-Y instead.