

MAN BITES DOG™

Instructions

Contents

- 106 Headline Cards
- 3 Exclusive Cards
- 1 Instruction Card

Object

To be the first player to score 500 points by making zany headlines.

The Headline Cards

- 1) Each card has a point value, listed at the bottom.
- 2) An Exclusive Card doubles the value of a hand.

Set Up

- 1) Grab a pen and paper to keep score.
- 2) The youngest player deals the first round.
- 3) Shuffle the cards thoroughly.

Playing the Game

- 1) The **Dealer** deals 5 cards to each player.
- 2) Each player examines his/her hand and decides whether to discard any cards.
 - The player to the **Dealer's** left discards first.
 - Players may discard up to 3 cards.
 - The **Dealer** replaces the cards that each player discarded, starting with the player on his/her left.

- 3) After all players have had a chance to discard, the **Dealer** lays down his/her best headline. The goal is to get the highest points AND to construct a reasonable headline. Headlines may be funny and unbelievable, but they must be structurally sound.

- Acceptable: Blind Dog Weeps for Mayor
- Unacceptable: Vaccine Tells on Blonde

If the majority of the players decide that a headline does not make sense, the player who laid the headline down must pick it up and submit a new headline.

- 4) If a player cannot make a headline, his/her score will be zero for that hand.
- 5) Exclusive Cards double the value of any hand. Only one Exclusive Card may be played per hand.
- 6) The **Dealer** records each person's score.
- 7) After each hand, the player to the left becomes the new **Dealer**, taking all of the cards from the last hand and shuffling them back into the deck before dealing a new hand to each player.

Winning the Game

The first player to reach 500 points is the winner! If more than one player earns 500 points when the hand's points are totaled, the highest score wins.



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