



ANT ON APPLE

Player: 3 or more

Ages: 4-8

Place: Table or any flat surface

Equipment: 1 deck of VoWac Alphabet Playing Cards

Ant On Apple is like Snap, a noisy, action-packed game. Players must try to get rid of all their cards while calling out a sequence of nonsense words. The game teaches alphabetical order, so VoWac's Above the Chalkboard Display is suggested for your classroom.

Everyone picks a card and the one who draws the card closest to "a" shuffles and deals out all the cards, one at a time, face-down. It's fine if some players have more cards than others do. The aim is to get rid of all their cards during the game.

The player to the dealer's left starts by laying any one card from his hand faceup in the center of the table. The next player to the left looks in her hand for a card letter or catch phrase, that is **before or after** that card in alphabetical order. If she has one, she lays it down next to the first card and shouts "**Ant!**" Any other matching cards in her hand are saved for later. If she doesn't have one, she passes, and it's the next player's turn.

Play goes around the circle with each player matching or passing. The player who makes the second match yells "**On!**" and the player who makes the third match yells "**Apple!**" That cry ends the first round of play. Often, a player gets a match more than once in a single round.

The "Apple" player then starts the next round by placing a new card onto the center pile. It's a good idea, when leading, for a player to start with a card in which he has at least one match. The first one to get rid of all his cards, wins.