



# BEGGAR YOUR NEIGHBOR

**Players: 2-6**

**Ages: 5-10**

**Place: Table or other flat surface**

**Equipment: 1 or 2 decks of VoWac Alphabet Playing Cards**

This version of the game War uses the vowel letter or saying cards combined with pure luck. A player can be down and out one minute and king of the cards the next!

To begin, each player draws a card from the deck. The player with the card closest to “a” is the dealer. The dealer shuffles the deck and deals out all the cards, one at a time, facedown. It’s fine if some players have more cards than others do. If there are more than three players, the game is better with two decks of cards mixed together.

Each player arranges his cards in a neat stack, facedown, on the table and does not look at the cards. The player to the dealers left goes first by turning over the top card on her pile and laying it face-up in the middle of the table. Play continues with each player turning up his top card and putting it on top of the center pile. The real action starts as soon as a vowel card/saying is turned over.

The player who turns over the vowel card stops turning over cards and demands “payment” from the player on her left. That player pays up by adding some of his cards, face up, one at a time to the center pile: **five cards for an “a”, four cards for an “e”, three cards for an “i”, two cards for an “o”, and one card for a “u”**. If the paying player turns up a vowel card/saying as he’s paying up, he stops and demands payment from the player on his left. This goes on until a player fails to turn up a vowel card. Then the center pile goes to whoever turned over the last vowel card. That player adds the center pile to the bottom of her facedown pile and starts a new round by turning over the top card on her stack.

Any player who loses all his cards is out of the game. Play goes on until one player has collected all the cards in the deck. The winner shuffles the cards and deals the next game.

Because this game tends to go on so long, a time limit should be set so that the person with the most cards at the end of that time, is the winner.