



OLD MAID(A~~N~~T)

Players: 3-6

Ages: 5-10

Place: Table or other flat surface

Equipment: 1 deck of VoWac Alphabet Playing Cards

Old Maid is the one of the easiest card games to play and learn. It's 100 percent luck – no skill at all is required to win.

VoWac has included a special **“ant” card** to be used as the Old Maid so that all of the card pairs can be used for letter recognition.

Everyone picks a card, and the one who draws “a” or closest to “a” shuffles and deals out all the cards, one at a time and facedown. It's fine if some players have more cards than others do.

The players look at their hands and pull out any two cards that match (the same letter symbol/saying). Each player lays his matches facedown in a pile beside him.

After everyone has sorted out their matches, the player to the dealer's left makes a fan out of the cards in her hand, making sure that no one can see which cards she holds. The player to her left must then choose a card from the first player's hand, hoping that the new card will match a card in his own hand. If a match is made, the pair goes into the player's facedown pile. Now the player who just chose offers up his cards to the next player to the left. Play goes around in a circle, with players picking cards from one another and making matches to lay down. Since there is only one Old Maid (ant), no match can be made for it. At the end of the hand, the player left holding the Old Maid (ant) loses the game.

Over the course of the game, the Ant is likely to change hands several times. If a player picks the Ant from another player's hand, he can only hope that another player will pick it from him before the hand is over.