

Rules of Play

Set up

Remove the jokers and from the pack.

If there are 2 or 3 players- deal 7 cards to each player.

If there are 4 or more players- deal 5 cards to each player.

The remaining cards form a deck in the middle of the table.

Aim of the game

The aim of the game is to collect sets of 4 cards of a kind. At the end of the game, the player with the most sets of 4 wins.

How to play

The players take turns, starting with the player to the left of the dealer. On a player's turn they must 'fish' by asking one of the other players for a card using only Cornish.

"Eus ... genes?" "Do you have...?"

Player's may only ask for a card which they have a copy of. If there are any copies of the requested card in the other player's hand, they say

"Eus. Yma genev vy..." "Yes. I have..." and must give all copies of that card to the player who asked.

If the other player has no copies of that cards they say **"Nag eus. Gwra pyskessa!"** "No. Go fish!"

If a player makes a successful 'catch' their turn continues and they can ask for another card. If a player is told **"Gwra pyskessa"** they draw a card from the deck and their turn ends. Play then passes to the next player (moving clockwise).

If a player has 4 cards of a kind, they immediately 'score' those cards by placing the cards in a pile in front of them. These cards are no longer used in the game.

It is possible for a player to have no cards in their hand at the start of their turn. If this happens, they first draw a card from the pile in the middle and may take their turn as normal. If there are no cards in the middle, that player skips their turn.

The game ends when all 13 sets of 4 cards have been scored. The winner is the player with the most sets of 4. If two or more players draw, the winner is the player with the highest value set of 4 (ace high).

Example of play

Joe, Vicki and Pol are playing 'Gwra pyskessa'. Joe has a seven, a nine, a jack and two kings. On Joe's turn he looks at his hand and asks:

"Pol, eus seyth genes?" "Pol, have you got any sevens?"

Pol has one seven. He gives it to Joe saying, **"Eus. Yma genev vy seyth."** "Yes. I have a seven."

Joe has made a catch so his turn continues.

"Vicki, eus neb myghtern genes?" "Vicki, have you got any kings?"

Vicki doesn't have any kings, so she says **"Nag eus. Pyskessa!"** "No. Go fish!"

Joe draws a card from the deck and his turn ends. It is now Vicki's turn.

Vicki has a four, two sevens, a queen and an ace. She has already heard Joe ask Pol for a seven so she asks, **"Joe, eus seyth genes?"** "Joe, have you got any sevens?"

Joe must now give Vicki both of his sevens saying **"Eus, yma genev vy seyth."** "Yes. I have a seven"

Vicki now has all four sevens. She scores these by putting them down in a pile in front of her. Her turn then continues...

Playing Cards

				
2	Dew an Palyow	Dew an Adamantys	Dew an Mor Du	Dew an Kolonnow
3	Tri an Palyow	Tri an Adamantys	Tri an Mor Du	Tri an Kolonnow
4	Peswar an Palyow	Peswar an Adamantys	Peswar an Mor Du	Peswar an Kolonnow
5	Pymp an Palyow	Pymp an Adamantys	Pymp an Mor Du	Pymp an Kolonnow
6	Hwegh an Palyow	Hwegh an Adamantys	Hwegh an Mor Du	Hwegh an Kolonnow
7	Seyth an Palyow	Seyth an Adamantys	Seyth an Mor Du	Seyth an Kolonnow
8	Eth an Palyow	Eth an Adamantys	Eth an Mor Du	Eth an Kolonnow
9	Naw an Palyow	Naw an Adamantys	Naw an Mor Du	Naw an Kolonnow
10	Deg an Palyow	Deg an Adamantys	Deg an Mor Du	Deg an Kolonnow
Jack	Jakka an Palyow	Jakka an Adamantys	Jakka an Mor Du	Jakka an Kolonnow
Queen	Myghternes an Palyow	Myghternes an Adamantys	Myghternes an Mor Du	Myghternes an Kolonnow
King	Myghtern an Palyow	Myghtern an Adamantys	Myghtern an Mor Du	Myghtern an Kolonnow
Ace	Byd an Palyow	Byd an Adamantys	Byd an Mor Du	Byd an Kolonnow
Joker	Benni			

Vocabulary

Eus... genes?	Have you got any...?
Eus. Yma ... genev.	Yes. I have...
Nag eus. Gwra pyskessa!	No. Go fish!
Mar pleg	Please
Meur ras	Thank you
Onan	One
Dew	Two
Tri	Three
Peswar	Four
Pymp	Five
Hwegh	Six
Seyth	Seven
Eth	Eight
Naw	Nine
Deg	Ten
Mann	Nought
Jakka	Jack
Myghternes	Queen
Myghtern	King
Byd	Ace
... an kolonnow	...of hearts
...an palyow	...of spades
...an adamantys	...of diamonds
...an mor du	...of clubs