

Games at Home: Jeopardy

How to Play

There are two ways to play the game: the traditional way and the easier way.

Traditional Way

Step #1: Decide on host

Decide who the host will be. The host gathers clues for the game. The host also reads clues to the players and keeps a record of points won.

Choose any five categories (for example, Countries, Animals, Foods, Sports and Actors).

For each category, choose six clues, from easy (\$100) to difficult (\$600).

Step #2: Draw the grid

Draw the Jeopardy grid on a board or large piece of paper and put it on a wall for all players to see.

Write the categories on the left of the grid and the money amounts across the top, like in the image below:

	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600
Countries						
Animals		✓		✓		
Foods						✓
Sports					✓	
Actors	✓					

(The check marks are an example of points won by the players.)

Step #3: Choose players / teams

Now, it is time to choose players.

If you have only three people, one person will be the host and the other two will be players. If you have four or more people, together you can decide whether to have teams or individual players.

Step #4: Play the Game!

Together, decide which player or team goes first. The first player/team picks a category and money amount. The host reads the clue. The player/team gives their answer in question form.

Example:

Player: I'll take Countries for \$100.

Host: This Asian country is famous for its high-quality motorcycles.

Player: What is Japan?

Host: That is correct!

For a correct answer, the player/teams wins the points. They also choose another category and keep playing until they give a wrong answer.

For a wrong answer, the other player (or team) can try to answer the question. If *they* get it right, *they* win the points.

If no one knows the answer, no one gets the points and you move to the next clue.

For each correct answer, the host makes a mark on the board or paper to show who won the points. If you have different color markers, you can use a different color for each team and put a check mark next to their points (like in the image).

If you don't have markers, write the players' names next to the points won. For teams, write the team names.

The game ends when all of the clues have been used. You then add up the total amount won by each side and announce the winners.

Easier Way

In the easy version of the game, only one thing changes: the host asks questions and the players give very short answers, like this:

Player: I'll take Countries for \$100."

Host: Which Asian country is famous for making high-quality motorcycles?"

Player: Japan!

Host: That is correct!

Notice that the *host* used the question form – not the player. Instead, the player gave a short answer.

Jeopardy Clues

Click the links below for Jeopardy clues that have already been prepared. The host can print or write them on small pieces of paper.

[Jeopardy Cards, Set 1](#)

[Jeopardy Cards, Set 2](#)

[Jeopardy Cards, Set 3](#)

[Jeopardy Cards, Set 4](#)

[Jeopardy Card, Set 5](#)

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(A few clues, such as politician names, may need to be updated.)