

Standard Go Fish with Target Structures

This lesson contains the following:

1. A reading with the rules to Go Fish.
2. FAQs to aid comprehension of the rules.
3. A standard play card deck with target questions on the face of each card
4. Card backs with target structures.

This lesson is most suitable for learners with the following characteristics:

1. All ages
2. High beginners or low intermediates: learners who still struggle with question formation, plurals, and short answers.
3. Learners who are unfamiliar with the card game *Go Fish*

About this lesson:

This unit is an excerpt from *Actively Engaged at College* (ISBN 978-0-9938308-0-8) adapted for VirtualWritingTutor.com, a free online grammar checker. I developed this lesson for French-speaking ESL junior college students in Montreal, Canada. The students always enjoy it, but they need to be monitored for pronunciation and use of target structures. It is easy to be distracted by the game and forget to practice the target structures on the back of the cards.

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How to Play a Card Game

Three or more players sit in a circle. The dealer shuffles the deck and deals six cards to each player. The remaining cards are placed face down in the middle. Players should pick up their cards and keep them secret from the other players. The player to the dealer's left starts. A turn consists of asking a specific player for a specific card. That player will either give me the card or tell me, "No, I don't. Go Fish."

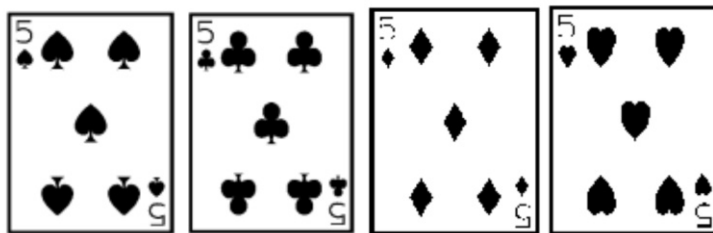
For example, if I am sitting to the left of the dealer, I go first. Imagine that among the cards in my hand, I am holding at least one six, I can turn to another player and say: "Mark, Do you have any sixes?" It is essential that I ask the question using the player's name. Otherwise, there might be some confusion. If, let's say, Mark has a six, he must give it to me. If he has two sixes, he must give them both to me. If he has three sixes, he must give all three sixes to me. With my original six, I would then have four sixes. I have made a book of sixes. I must display books face-up in front of me. But let's say that Mark has only one six. He will give it to me.

My turn continues. I can ask another player for the same or another card in my hand. Equally, I can ask Mark for another card in my hand. My turn ends when I ask someone for a card they do not have. To which he or she will respond, "No, I don't. Go fish." I finish my turn by taking a card from the pond, the pile in the center of the circle of players. If, however, I pull out the card I was asking for, I have "fished my wish" and my turn continues. (To be fair, I should show everyone the fished wish, otherwise they might doubt that I am telling the truth.) If it is another card—different from the card I asked for, my turn is over and the player to the left gets a turn.

For example, let's say I ask Mark for sixes, he gives me two. I turn to Christine and ask her if she has any sixes but she replies "No, I don't. Go fish." I then pull a card from the pond. It is a jack. I have not fished my wish. It is now Mark's turn because he is sitting to my left. Christine will go after Mark because she is sitting to his left.

The goal of the game is to collect and display the most books. The game continues until all of the cards in the middle have been fished and every player has exhausted all of his or her cards by giving them away or forming books.

Sometimes a player will be asked for cards and find himself giving away his last card. There are two ways to handle this situation. The easy rule is to let the player immediately fish for a card in the pile. This keeps him in the game. The hard rule requires the player to wait for his turn to fish for a card. It is called the hard rule because that player's turn comes to end by fishing. Players should conduct a majority vote to decide which rule to use for the duration of the game.



Four cards of the same rank = a "book"

FAQs

Q: What if someone asks me for a card and I have three of that rank. What should I do?

A:
.....

Q: Can I ask for a jack if I do not have a jack in my hand already?

A:
.....

Q: What do I do if I don't have anymore cards left?

A:
.....

Q: Do I have to ask the same person each time it is my turn?

A:
.....

Q: What if I ask for a card, he tells me "Go fish," but then I get the card I asked for from the pile?

A:
.....

Q: What if I ask for sixes, I go fish and get an eight to make a book of four eights--is it my turn again?

A:
.....

Find the errors:

To summarize, in order to ask another player for a card, it must be my turn. I don't have to use his or her name. I must ask about a card in my hand. If the player I ask has any number of the rank I am asking for, he or she must give as many as he has of that card to me. If he does not have the rank I am asking for, he must say, "No, I don't have. Go Fish." In which case, I must take two cards from the pile. If I "fish my wish," it is my turn again. If I select a different card, my turn is over.

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Playing Card Go Fish Card Game

Play this card game in groups of three or four. Shuffle and deal six cards each. Players take turns asking “Do you have any _____?” to complete books of the same rank. The player with the most books at the end of the game is the winner. For complete playing instructions, see *How to Play a Card Game* at the beginning of this lesson.

This serious game promotes accurate pronunciation of plurals, questions with *do*-fronting, short-answer negation with *don't*, and positive affect. Learning the rules of *Go Fish* will prepare you for variations of the same game later in the book and will provide you with an enjoyable social activity for future encounters with English speaking peers outside of the classroom.



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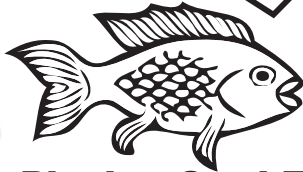


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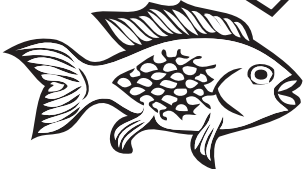


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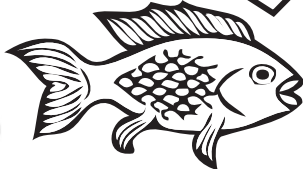


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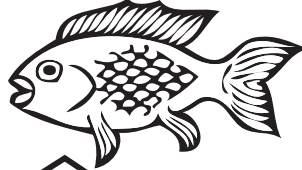


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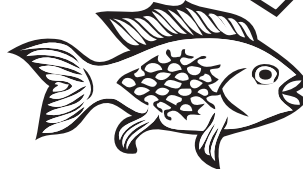


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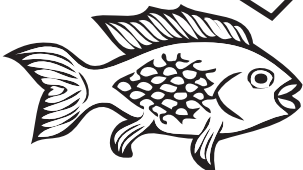


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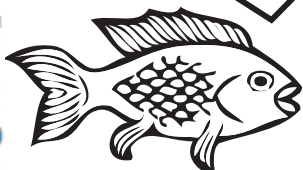


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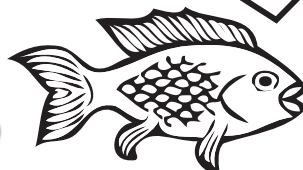


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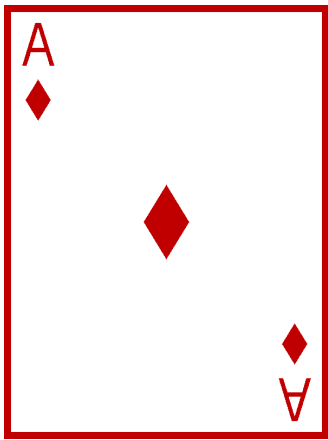
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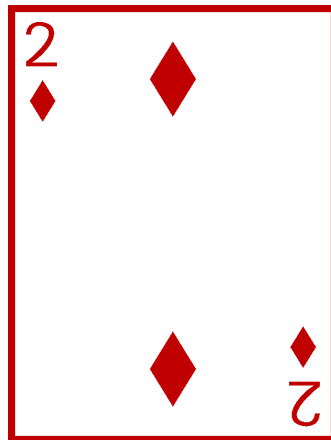
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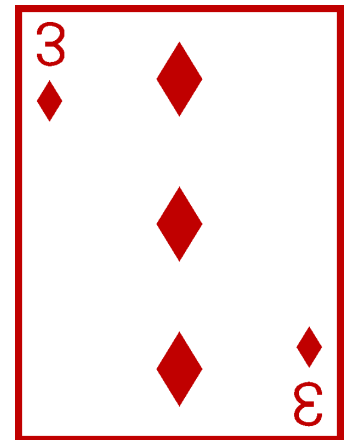
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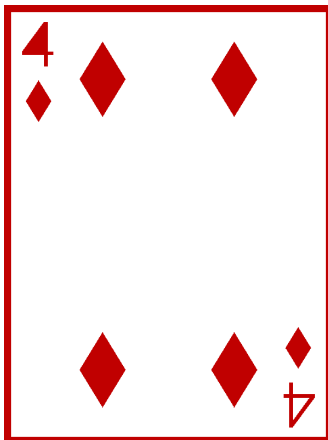
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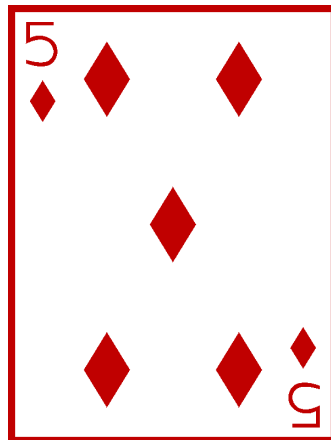
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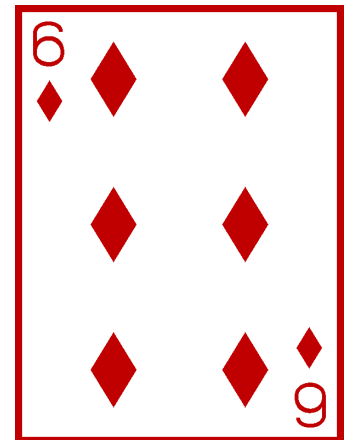
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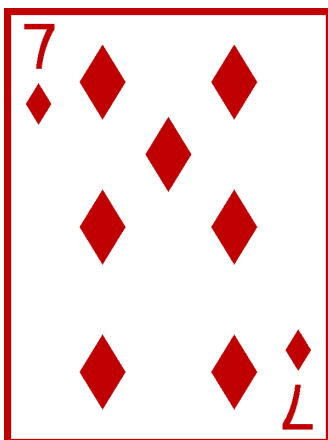
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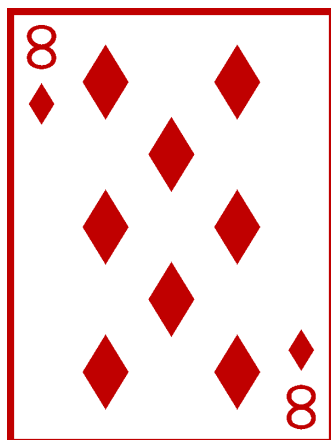
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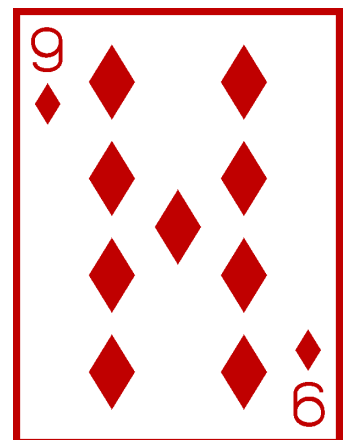
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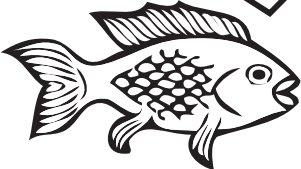


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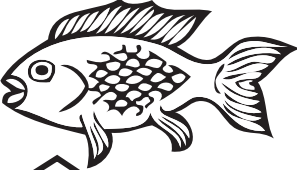


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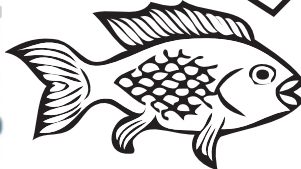


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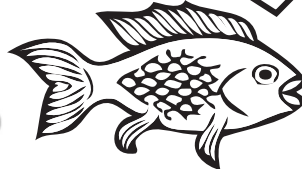


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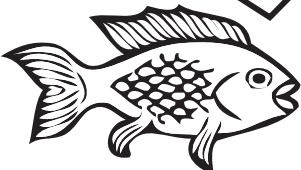


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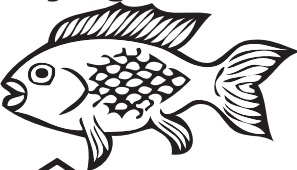


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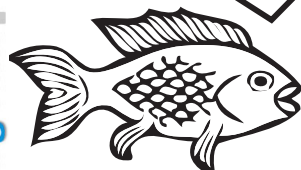


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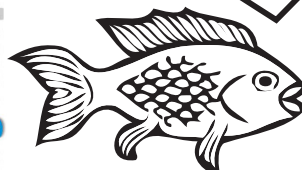


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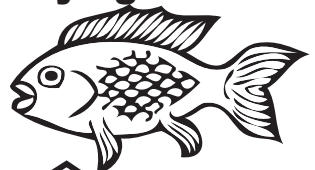


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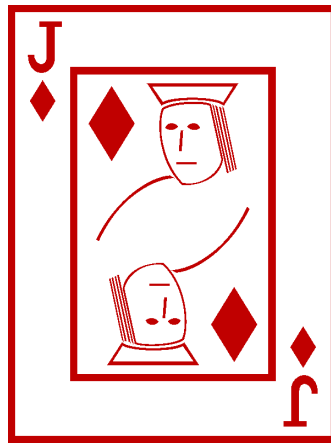
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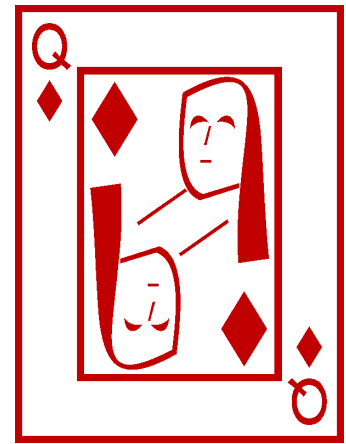
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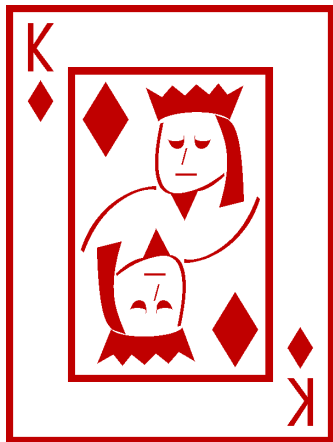
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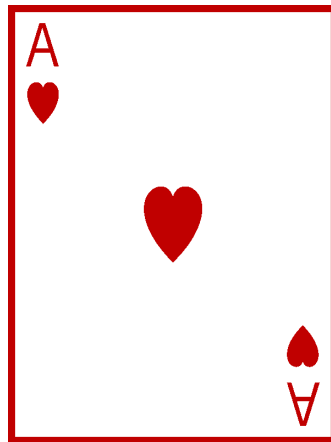
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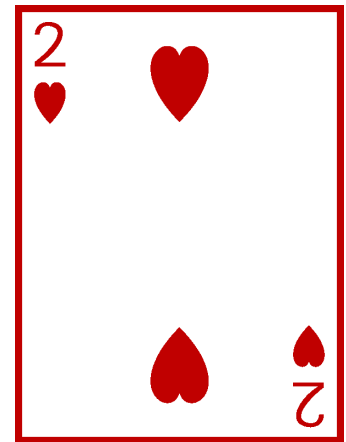
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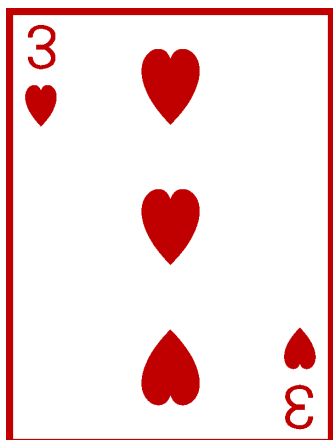
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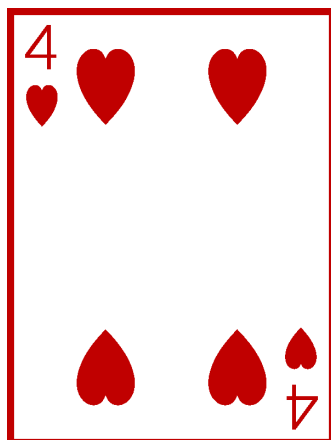
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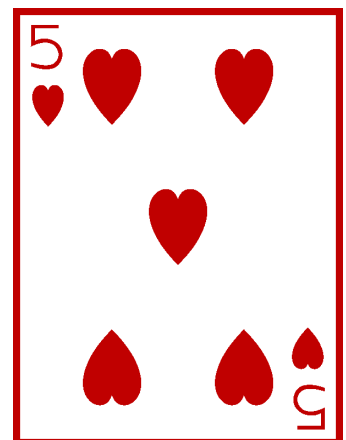
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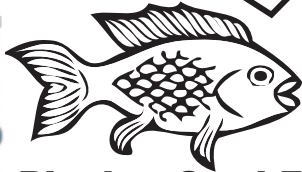


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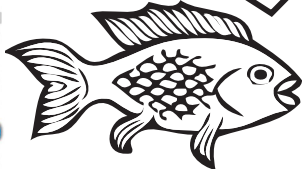


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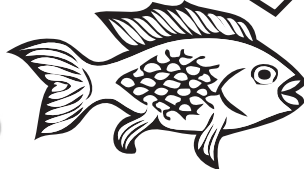


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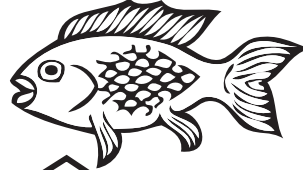


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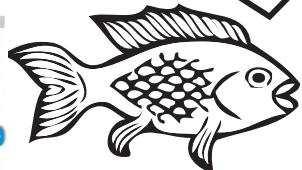


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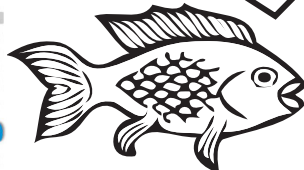


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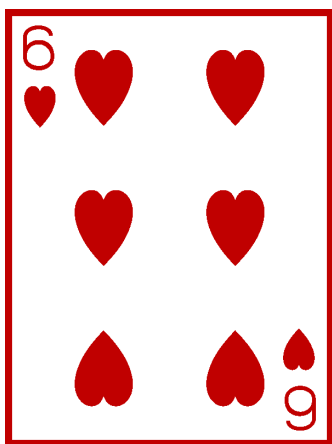
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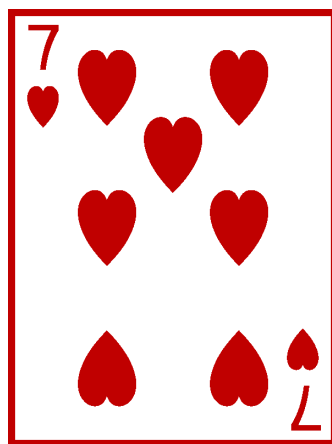
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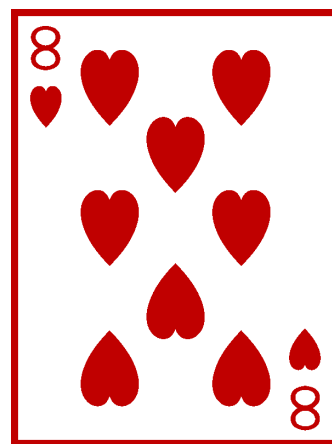
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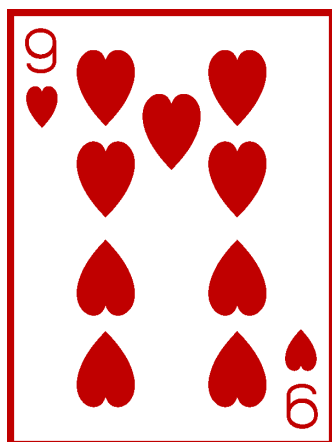
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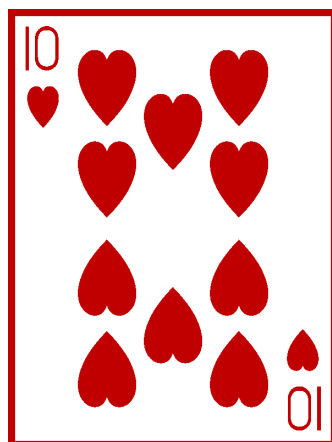
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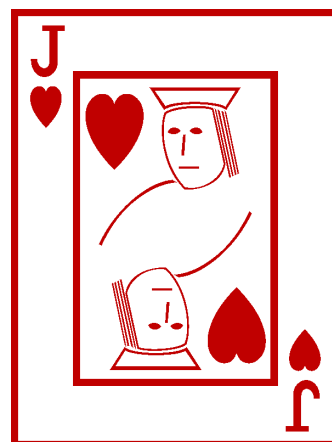
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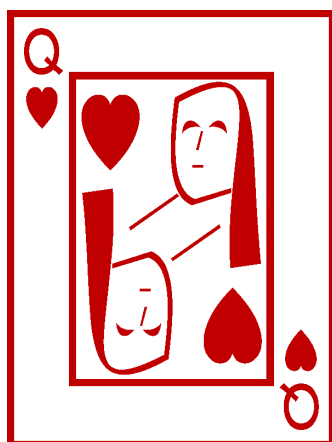
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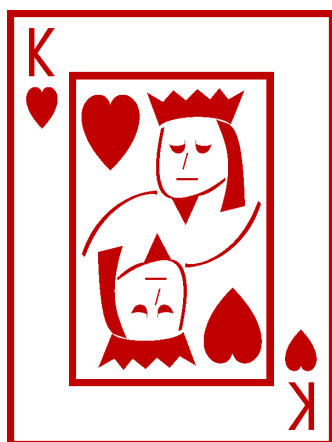
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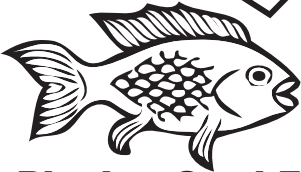


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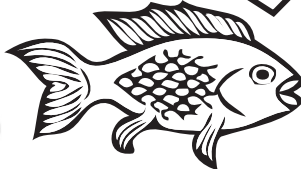


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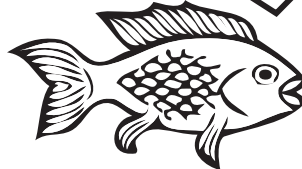


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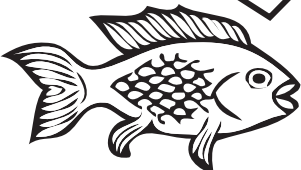


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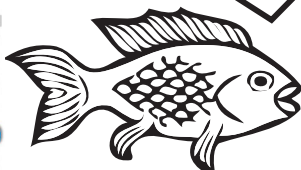


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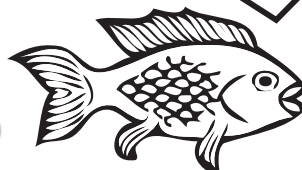


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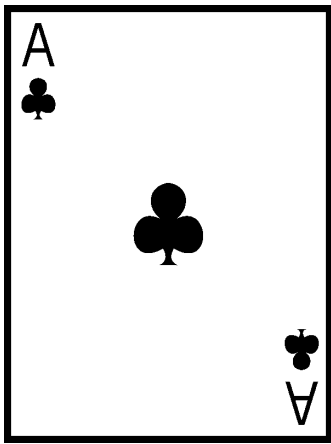
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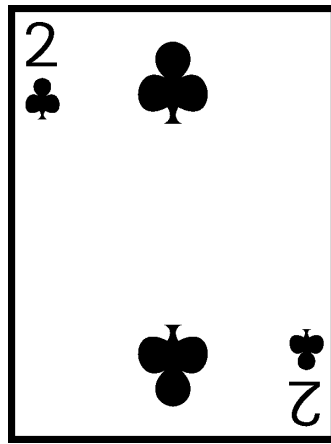
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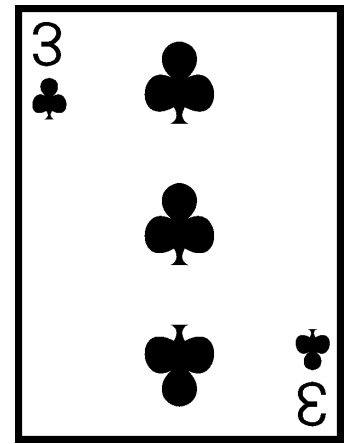
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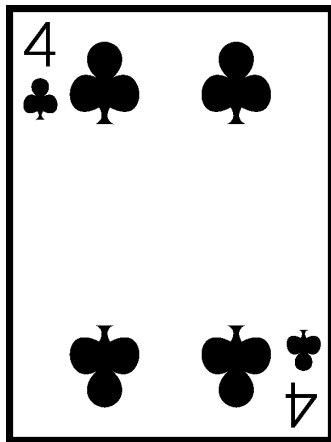
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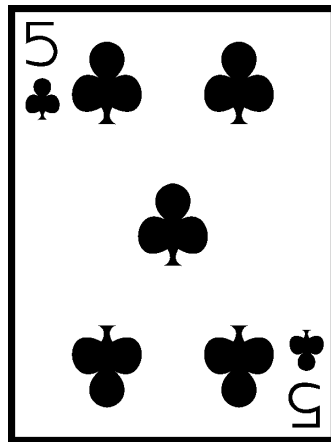
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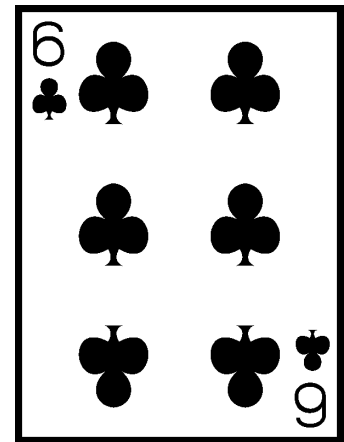
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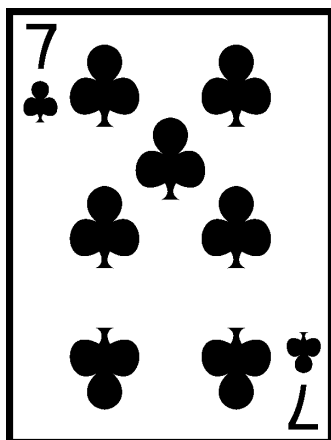
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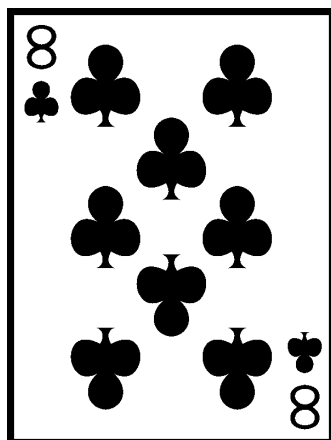
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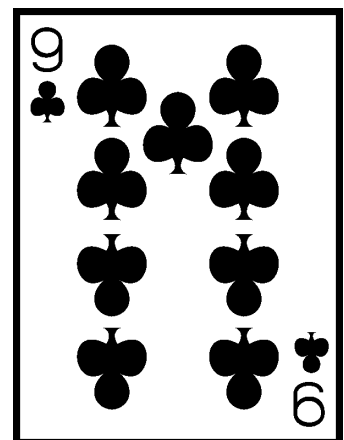
Do you have any
sixes?



Do you have any
sevens?



Do you have any
eights?



Do you have any
nines?

Do you have any...?



Playing Card Fish



Yes, I do. Here you are.
No, I don't. Go fish.

Do you have any...?



Playing Card Fish



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No, I don't. Go fish.

Do you have any...?

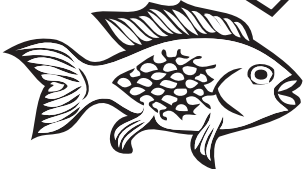


Playing Card Fish



Yes, I do. Here you are.
No, I don't. Go fish.

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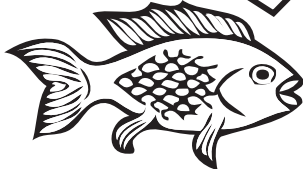


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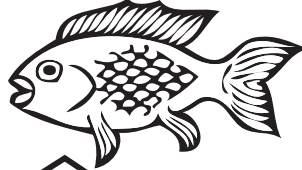


Yes, I do. Here you are.
No, I don't. Go fish.

Do you have any...?

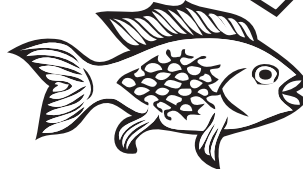


Playing Card Fish



Yes, I do. Here you are.
No, I don't. Go fish.

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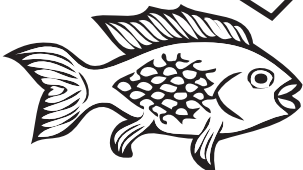


Playing Card Fish



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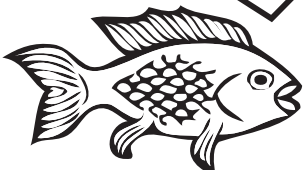


Playing Card Fish



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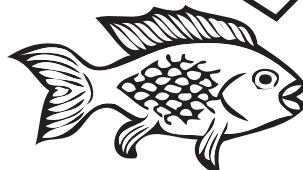


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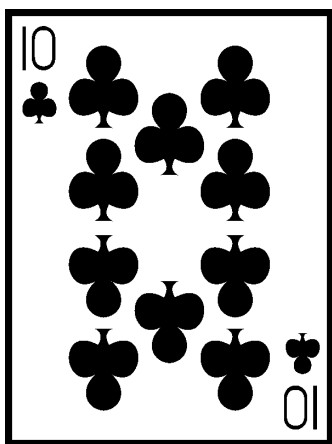
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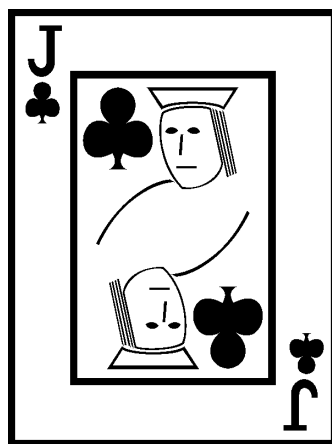
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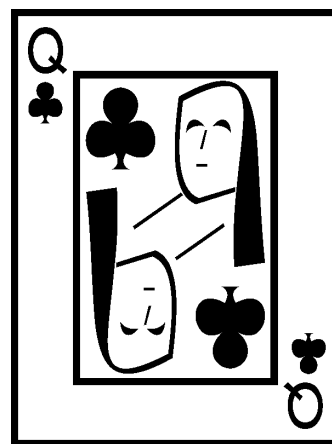
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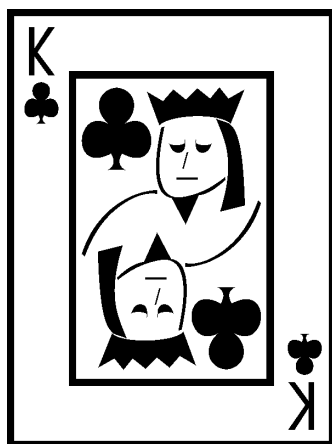
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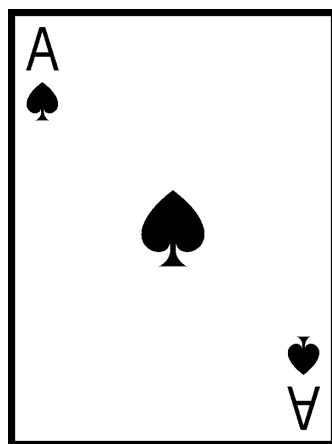
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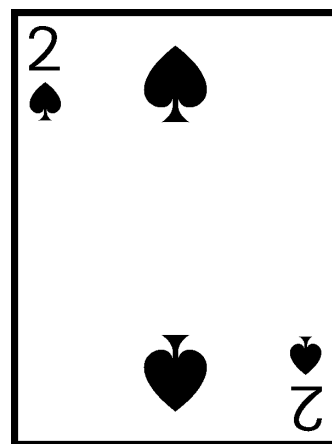
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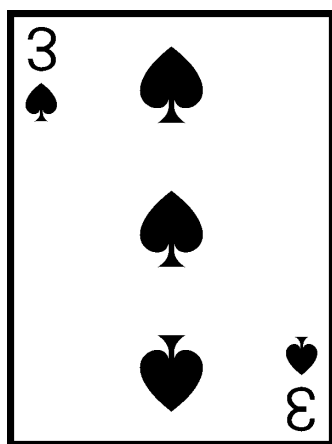
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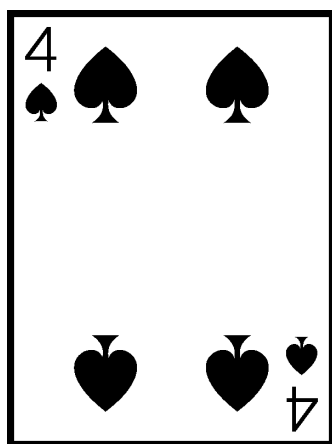
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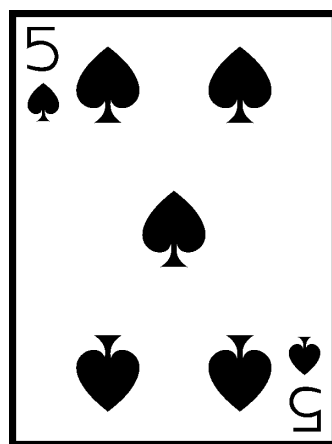
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Do you have any
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Do you have any
fours?



Do you have any
fives?

Do you have any...?

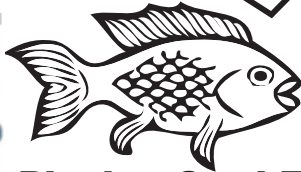


Playing Card Fish



Yes, I do. Here you are.
No, I don't. Go fish.

Do you have any...?

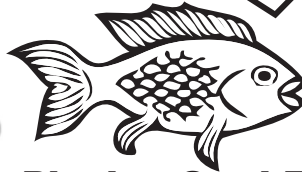


Playing Card Fish



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No, I don't. Go fish.

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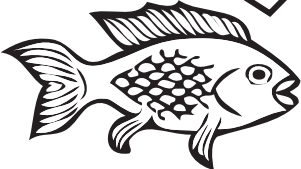


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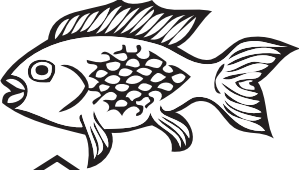


Yes, I do. Here you are.
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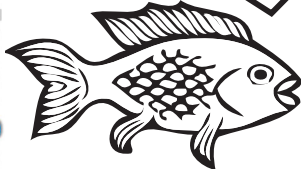


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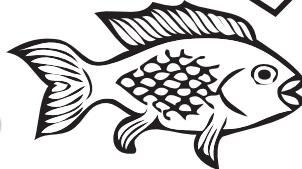


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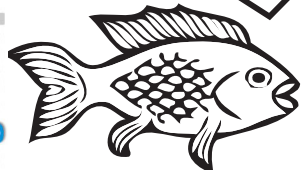


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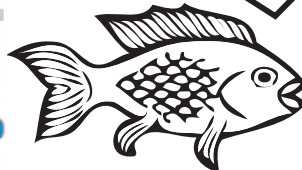


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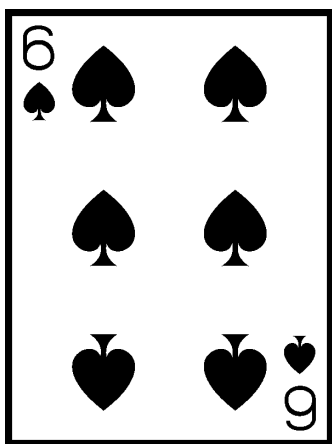
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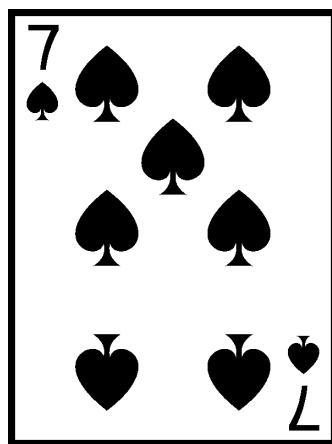
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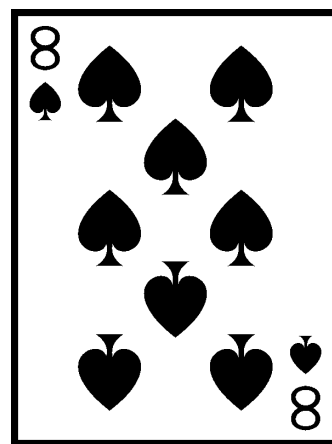
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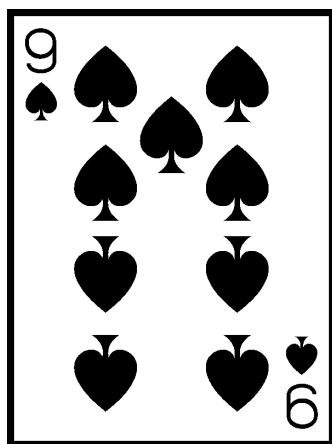
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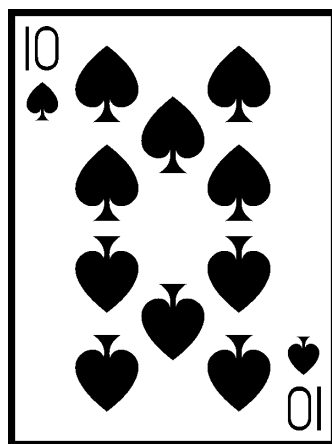
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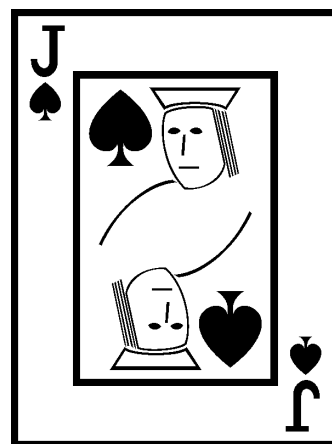
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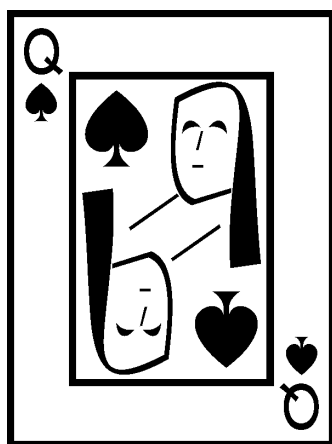
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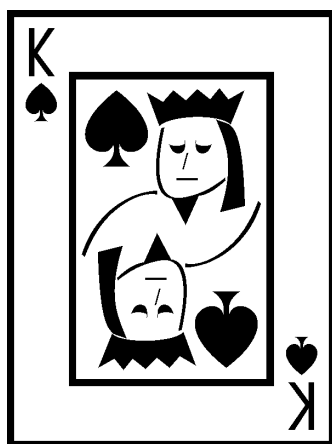
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