

"HAPPY MOM" GAME

This game is designed for families whose children are still at home, age 5 through High School. The wording on the playing cards is made to fit the most typical situation, wherein the mom is the main parent in charge of providing meals and making sure household chores are accomplished.

There are four colors of cards for the four categories of players:

Yellow Cards - Ages 5 through 10

Pastel Green Cards - Ages 11 through High School

Pastel Blue Cards - Dad

Pastel Pink Cards - Mom

You do not need to have all of the categories used, in order to play the game. You only need at least 2 players, who each fit into one of the categories. You could have as many as 8 players, who each fit into one of the categories.

PROCEDURE OF PLAY

1. Take the groups of cards designated for the categories of players you currently have playing. Place the groups face-down on separate "draw" rectangles.
2. Take turns drawing a card from the appropriate color for your category. Play in order by age, youngest first.
3. The first player draws a card, reads it out loud, and moves their marker as directed on the card. (For those learning to read, a family member may help.) Then they place the card face-up on the "discard" rectangle.
4. Whenever a player starts out, the card they draw may tell them to move backwards. If so, they will have to wait until their next turn to have another chance to start out.
5. If a player lands on a space already occupied by another player, the player who landed on the space first must move backwards one space.
6. When the "draw" cards for one category run out, the cards in the "discard" pile must be shuffled and replaced face-down on the "draw" rectangle.
7. You don't need the exact number needed to reach the "Happy Mom" in order to finish. You just need enough or more than enough moves to reach "Happy Mom."
8. There are two options for concluding the game:
 - a. When the first person reaches the "Happy Mom," you can consider the game over.
 - b. After the first person reaches "Happy Mom," you can consider them the "first place winner" and continue the game to see in what order the others reach "Happy Mom."
9. Once the game has been played, players could choose to create their own customized situations on the extra blank cards of the appropriate colors. This can add to the fun the next time the game is played. It should be noted on the cards whether the marker must be moved forward or backwards and how many spaces. Remember that if your cards cause players to move backwards more spaces than they move forward, it won't be possible for them to finish the game.