

MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Activity Type: Individual
Relationship Stage: Any

Activity Name:

"Speed" – card game

Objective:

To be the first person to play all the cards in your deck and say "Speed".

Preparation Time:

None

Activity Duration:

2-5 minutes per game

Required Material:

- Deck of cards

Instructions:

- Players sit across from one another and deal 20 cards face down to each player
- Deal the remaining cards face down between the two players in 4 piles – two outside piles with 5 cards, and two inside piles with only 1 card
- Each player picks up the top 5 cards from their deck and arranges them in their hand
- Simultaneously turn over the two single face-down cards in the center
- Players can play the cards in their hand on top of these cards in a sequential order, up or down (i.e., if a 5 is turned over in the middle, you can play a 4 or 6). You can play a King or 2 on an Ace.
- There are no turns! The objective is to put down as many as you can, as fast as you can.
- For every card a player puts down in the centre, they pick up another one from their deck, keeping 5 cards in their hand at all times.
- Players keep putting cards down until neither has one that will play on the centre piles. When neither player can play, simultaneously flip one card over from each of the outer face-down stacks, and players resume playing the cards in their hand immediately.
- If the outer face-down stacks run out of cards, turn the face-up piles over and start again using the top card
- The winner is the first person to get all 20 of their cards onto the piles and yell "Speed!"

Further Notes:

- This is a fun, fast, competitive game that requires little set up, but comes with a lot of laughter.