

# LET'S PLAY "UNO"!©

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*Throughout the course of all of our lives, it is safe to say that we have frequently enjoyed various games using a deck of playing cards. All such card games have varying degrees of difficulty/mental challenges and cater to those in all walks of our lives. For sure, some card games are mentally much more demanding than others; so, it actually depends on the mindset of the players as to just what it is they want to accomplish and prove – to themselves or to others - especially in the more competitive games. This is all well and good, but this article is about one of the simplest and fun-generating card games one can ever play!*



If you have never played UNO, you truly do owe it to yourselves to give it a try – preferably in a group of people of all ages! It is such a simple game of matching card numbers and colors that it takes no mental prowess at all! The beauty of the game is the social engagements in the form of fun conversations that exist as each hand is played. During our 1979-1980 residency in Rio de Janeiro, amongst the friends that my wife Sadhana and I met were a British man (Trevor), his wife, (Anne) & 3 young daughters. Trevor was a consultant supporting the Brazilian navy. Sadhana and I introduced this family to the game of UNO and subsequently we played the game with them many times at their apartment on Saturday nights. Trevor's 3 young daughters were always very excited when we visited for our UNO sessions and we were too!

I highly recommend that you get yourself a deck of UNO cards and give the game a try with your family members or friends. It will be a great escape from card games that require far greater mental astuteness! The game can actually be played with 2 to 10 players, aged 7 to adult; so, it is in fact a "family fun game".

