

How to Play

JEOPARDY!

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Objective: To be the player or team at the end of Round 3 (Final Jeopardy) with the highest score.

Jeopardy! is a three-round trivia game in which questions are worded as answers and answers must be worded as questions.

Jeopardy! is best with one host and three players, but two players can suffice. If playing with larger groups, you can play Team Jeopardy and divide the players into two or three teams.

To begin the game, determine which player or team has “control of the board” and will take the first turn.

Round 1: Single Jeopardy

1. Each turn, the player or team that has control of the board selects a first question category and dollar amount.
2. Once the host has finished reading the question (worded in the form of an answer), players or teams can buzz in. The first player or team to buzz in may provide an answer. **The answering player or team must answer the question within five seconds**, and the answer must be worded in the form of a question, beginning with “What is” or “Who are,” for example.
3. If an incorrect answer is given or the time to answer runs out, the dollar amount for the question is subtracted from the player or team’s score. The host may then prompt the remaining players or teams to buzz in and attempt to answer correctly if they choose.
4. When a player or team answers a question correctly within the time limit, the player or team is awarded the dollar amount for the question, and the

amount is added to the player or team's score. This player or team now has control of the board and can select a question category and dollar amount.

5. Play continues in this way until all the questions on the board have been played.

Round 2: Double Jeopardy

6. Round 2, called Double Jeopardy, presents a collection of five new question categories, and the dollar amounts for each correctly answered question are **doubled** compared to Round 1. Play proceeds the same as in Round 1, until all the questions have been played.

Final Jeopardy

7. The third round, Final Jeopardy, consists of one question presented to all players or teams. The question category is revealed, and all teams or players who do not have a negative score must make a wager of at least zero, up to their entire score, based on their confidence in answering the question given the category.
8. Once all wagers are placed, the Final Jeopardy question is read, and players or teams have **one minute** to write the answer in secret on a piece of paper.
9. At the end of the minute, the answer is revealed, and players or teams who wrote the correct answer win their wager, while those who answered incorrectly lose their wager.
10. Once the Final Jeopardy scores are calculated, the player or team with the highest score wins the game.

Variant

If playing the game is subject to time constraints, rounds 1 and 2 may each be played within a time limit such as 5, 10, or 15 minutes. Using a digital timer visible to the players or teams may be a useful visual aid during play. Using this rule variant, a round ends when all questions have been played or when time for the round expires.