



# HAPPY SALMON™



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# HOW TO PLAY

Happy Salmon is a simple, fast-paced card game packed with high-fivin', fin-flappin' fun!

## SET UP

Pick a card color and take those 12 cards. Shuffle your cards and keep them face down in a stack in your hand.

## 1

On the count of three, flip over your stack of cards, so the entire stack is face-up. Everyone starts playing at once, by shouting out the ACTION shown on their top card.

**KEEP SHOUTING...**

Let everyone know your card!



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When any player shouts the same action as you, perform that action together (see ACTIONS section). Once the action is complete, quickly discard your card into the center and move to your next card. You can match your next card with the same player or a different player. Repeat this process until you have discarded all of your cards.

END

**Be the first player to discard your last card and shout "FIN-ished!" You win!**



# ACTIONS

**HIGH  
5**

Both players slap their hands together.



**POUND  
IT!**

Both players lightly bump their fists together.



**SWITCHEROO**

Both players switch places, taking their cards with them.



**HAPPY  
SALMON**

Lightly slap the other player's forearm 3 or more times.



# FAQ

## **What if more than two players shout out the same action?**

Only two players can match up and complete an action. So, if three players all have the same action, only the first two players to match up and complete the action can discard their cards. The third player must find someone else to match up with.

## **What if I cannot find a match?**

You may move your action card to the bottom of your deck at any time. Continue playing with the next action card.

## **What if a player(s) cannot "Switcheroo" (due to limited mobility)?**

Use this Switcheroo action for all players: When two players match, they trade their Switcheroo cards, then quickly discard them and move on to their next card.

# GAME VARIANTS

**Silent Play:** Play as normal, yet NO WORDS ALLOWED! Instead of shouting your actions to match, act them out!

- **High Five:** Raise your hand in the air
- **Pound It:** Raise your fist in the air
- **Happy Salmon:** Flap your hand like a fin
- **Switcheroo:** Twirl your finger in the air

**Cooperative Play:** Play as a team and race against the clock! Set a timer and everyone plays as fast as they can until the first player is out of cards. Stop the timer. How fast can your team finish?

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**Maybe your team can make the list!**

# MEET THE DESIGNERS!



Ken Gruhl & Quentin Weir have been celebrating with high fives and fist bumps since childhood. After learning a new move called the "happy salmon", they designed a game about celebrating life's little victories with family and friends.

# SPECIAL THANKS!

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