Lesson one: The UK – Building a picture

Happy Families game instructions

The pack of ‘UK Happy Families’ cards comprises 9 families (each of 4 cards) showing well known physical and human landmarks from different parts of the UK.

Historic cities: Bath, Canterbury, Edinburgh, York

Islands: Isle of Man, Isle of Skye, Isle of Wight, Raithlin Island


Mountains: Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Slieve Donard, Snowdon

National Flags: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

National Parks: Cairngorms, Pembrokeshire Coast, South Downs, Yorkshire Dales

Natural Landscapes: Brecon Beacons, Dartmoor, Giant’s Causeway, Loch Ness

Rivers: Bann, Severn, Thames, Tweed

Seaside Resorts: Blackpool, Brighton, Tenby, Warrenpoint

How to play:

- The idea of the game is to collect whole families.
- At least three players are required
- Shuffle the cards
- All of the cards are dealt as equally as possible.
- Play starts by the first player (usually on the dealer’s left) asking for a certain card. The player must already hold one of that family and asks just one other player.
- If the other player does not have the card it is then their turn to ask.
- If they do have the card, they have to pass it to the first player, who can ask again.
- As players form sets of 4 they place them face down in front and the winner is the player with the most ‘families’ once all the cards have been laid.