



Basic Meal Deal Rules

Goal: To make as many pairs of **predator/prey** or **producer/consumer** cards as you can, with the cards that you're dealt.

1. You will be dealt four cards.
2. Look at the cards in your hand and find a pair of two. In a pair, one card should be a predator, and the other should be its prey. Or one card could be a producer, and the other card is an animal that eats the producer.
3. If you're not sure what eats what, you can always flip a card over and read about that creature.
4. If you can't make a pair with the cards you're dealt, you can ask the dealer to give you more cards. Cards that haven't been placed in the top row will be replaced.
5. Once you've made a pair, you get a point.
6. If you can't make a pair, you can either keep playing until you do, or go to the next round. If you go to the next round, you don't get a point, but at least you can keep playing.
7. You can quit the entire game at any time, but your score will be erased.

Advanced Meal Deal Rules

Goal: To make a food chain of at least three cards.

1. You will be dealt six cards.
2. You must build a food chain of AT LEAST 3 cards.
3. Look at the cards in your hand, and find three plants or animals that are part of the same food chain.
 - Put the plant or animal that is at the **LOWEST** level of the food slot.
 - Then put the animal that eats the first creature next--to the right of the first card.
 - Then put the animal that eats the second animal after that.
 - Your food chain should go from lowest to highest from left to right.
4. If you can't make a chain with the cards that you're dealt, you can ask the dealer to hit you with more cards.
5. When you've finished making your chain, you get a point.
6. If you can't make a pair, you can go to the next round. You don't get a point, but you can keep playing.

Other things to know:

- If you can build a food chain of four cards, go for it!
- If you need help figuring out what eats what, flip the card over to find out more about the animal or plant.
- Sometimes an animal eats only the eggs, the detritus, or the juvenile form of another animal or plant. You can still use those animals or plants in your chain, though.
- You can quit playing the game at any time, but your points will be erased.