

Your Guide to Learning the Common Lingo and the **Basics of Bingo!**

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Bingo Basics | Learn the rules

Bingo is a fun game of chance that anyone can play! For players who are new to Bingo, or who have played before but need a few reminders, here are the basics:

 Bingo is played on a card that has 15 random numbers printed on it. The aim of the game is to mark off all the numbers, then shout, BINGO!

 Players purchase cards in books made up of six cards per page (see example, right).
We recommend beginners start with just one or two cards, then add more when they feel comfortable.



Example Bingo Dabber

3. All cards have numbers starting from 1 to 90. Whenever the caller announces a randomly drawn number, players must use their highlighter or 'dabber' (see example, above) to mark them on their book.

Example Bingo Book

Card 1	BLUE	6	17 19	21	33	40 49	53 58	65 68	7 3 76	84 85	V 0 7 4 7 7
Card 2	BLUE	1 3	13 14	23 27	30 36	43 45	50	61 69	71	<u>90</u>	0 7 4 7 8
Card 3	BLUE	2 8	10	22	37 39	41 48	52 59	67	75 77	80 88 88	V 0 7 4 7 9
Card 4	BLUE	4 5	11	20 24	31 35	46	51 57	63	74 79	81 82	V 0 7 4 8 0
Card 5	BLUE	7	16 18	28 29	32 34	44	56	64 66		<u>86</u> 87	V 0 7 4 8 1
Card 6	BLUE	9		25 26	38	42 47	54 55	60 62	72	83 83	V 0 7 4 8 2

4. When players mark off all 15 numbers on their card, this is called a 'Full-House' (see example, below). Players yell **BINGO!** to alert the caller that they have won the game. Make sure to call out quickly! If you take too long, your call may **not be valid!**



5. Every Bingo game ends in a Full House, but there are other fun games to play along the way too! These games are called 'Line Games'. Once someone calls **BINGO!** and wins a Line Game (remember to be fast or you may miss out!), the game continues until someone gets a Full House on the same card.

6. Bingo is typically played in sessions with 20-30 games over the course of two hours. The first five games are always Full-House Bingo games, followed by various Line Games such as:

'Any Line' Bingo

All five numbers on any line marked off wins!

'Quickie' Bingo

First five numbers anywhere on the card marked off wins!

'Letter L' Bingo

The first number on the top and middle line, and all of the bottom line.

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Example

'Full House'



Bingo Prices & Prizes

Bingo Basics | Plus facts about Bonus Games

Prices at Bingo venues vary depending on a number of factors what day of the week it is, how many games are in the session, how many cards you purchase, and so on. But generally speaking:

1. Bingo venues sell their cards in bundled books, depending on the number of games in a session. The price differs from venue to venue, but many bingo halls sell them as cheap as \$4 each.



2. Venues often do package deals or 'sets' comprising of multiple books to keep the fun going. These books will last the entire session. The price of the set is normally the same as the total cost of each book within – so if the set was made up of two \$4 books, the whole set would cost \$8.

Example 'Flyer Cards'

3. Add-on or 'Bonus Games' are sold separately at most bingo venues for as little as \$2 each. These games vary from special 'Flyer Cards' (see example, above) to Break Open bingo cards (see example, right) which give you the opportunity to win bonus prizes.



Example 'Break Open Game'

4. Prize money at Bingo varies by venue, but as a general guide you can expect to win up to \$25 for a Line Game, \$100 for a Full House, and up to \$600 if you win the 'Jackpot' or last game of the evening.

- Kelly's eye
- 2 One little duck
- **3** T.A.B Number 3
- 4 Off the floor
- 5 Snakes alive
- 6 Dorothy dix
- **7** Lucky 7
- 8 At the gate
- 9 Doctors orders
- **10** Downing street
- Legs eleven
- 12 Even dozen
- **13** Lucky for some
- 16 Sweet sixteen
- 20 Blind twenty
- **21** Key to the door
- 22 Two little ducks





- **30** Blind thirty
- **33** All the threes
- **39** All the steps
- **40** Naughty forty
- **44** All the fours
- **46** Up to tricks
- **50** Half a century
- **54** Clean the floor
- 60 Blind sixty
- 66 Clickety-click
- **70** Blind seventy
- 77 All the sevens
- 80 Blind eighty
- 88 All the eights
- 90 Top of the house







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