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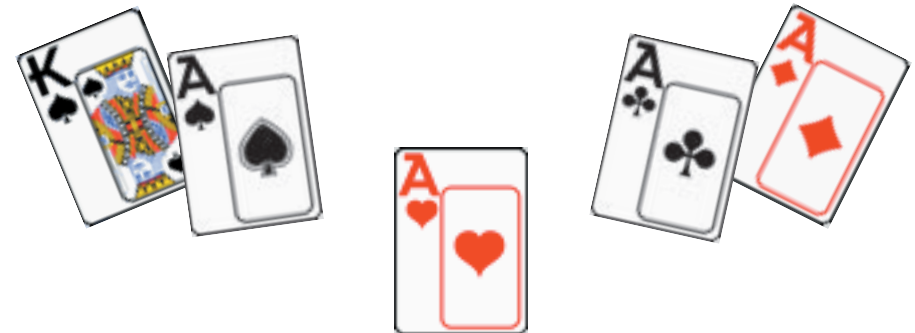
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The Poker Players Dictionary



Poker like all things has a unique language with words that have a meaning all of their own. To help you overcome this hurdle we have compiled a useful user guide to the commonest phrases in use today.

A

Aces Full A full house containing 3 aces and any pair.

Ace-High a hand containing no other poker hand except a High card of an Ace.

Aces Up Two pairs of which one pair is Aces.

Action This is a game in which players are playing for lots of pots, this is considered an 'Action Game'.
Checking/Betting/Raising.

Active Player Anyone still playing in the hand is an Active Player.

Add-on An optional purchase of more chips at the end of a re-buy period in a tournament.

All-In If player bets all his/her chips. they will be all in: When playing online, you may be deemed all in if you become disconnected. Even if you have chips left.

American Airlines 2 Aces.

Ante The money placed in the pot before the game begins.

B

Bad Beat This is when a hand is beaten by a lucky draw.

Belly Buster A draw and/or catch to an Inside Straight.

Bet The action of placing chips in the pot.

Bet the Pot This is when a player makes a bet that is equal to the amount in the pot.

Bicycle A straight that is A-2-3-4-5.

Big Blind A designated amount that is placed by the player sitting in the second position, clockwise from the dealer, before any cards are dealt. (If you join a game that is already in progress you must post a Big Blind, but this can be from any position.)

Big Slick When your hand contains an A-K., then you have a Big Slick

Blind This has two meanings, it is either the bet or bets that have to be made by the 2 players sitting immediately to the dealer's left these will start the action on the first round of betting. They are posted before any cards are dealt. The other meaning is a 'Blind Bet' which is one that is made

without looking at your cards.

Blind Raise A player raises without looking at his hand.

Bluff To convince other players that you have a better hand than you really have.

Boardcards The cards that are dealt face-up in a poker game for all players to see.

Bottom Pair If a player uses the lowest card of the flop to make a pair with his own card.

Broadway An Ace high straight (A-K-Q-J-10).

Bring-In This is the forced bet on the first round of betting by the player who is dealt the lowest card showing in Seven Card Stud and Stud 8 or Better. In Lowball it is the highest card showing

Bring It In Starting the betting on the first round

Broomcorn's Uncle This is what you will be if you Ante yourself broke.

Bullets A pair of Aces.

Bump To raise.

Button AKA the dealer button, it is the small round disk that is moved from player to player in a clockwise

direction after each hand, to indicate the dealer of each hand.

Buy-In This is the minimum amount of money required by a player to sit down and play in a poker game.

C

Call When a player matches the previous bet.

Call Cold When you call a bet and raise the bet.

Cap To take the last of the maximum amount of raises allowed per round of betting.

Case Chips A player's last chips.

Cash Out To quit a game and change your chips to cash.

Check If it's your turn to act but there has been no action in front of you then instead of betting you can 'check'.

Check-Raise This is when a player first checks, then raises in a betting round.

Chop Another two meaning word, you can either return the blinds to the player who posted them and move onto the next hand if no other player

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| | calls. or It means to split the pot. | | cards face down with the option of discarding one or more and replacing them with new ones to try to make a better hand. | Flat Call | Call a bet without raising. | | player and represents and is the 2nd round of betting. |
| Collusion | Two or more players conspire to cheat | | | Flop | In Hold'em and Omaha, games this is the first three community cards dealt these are face-up in the center of the table all at one time. | Full House | Any 3 cards the same plus any other 2 cards the same e.g. 3 Fours + 2 Kings |
| Community Cards | The cards that are face-up and used by all players. | Drop | Fold. | | | Gut Shot | To draw to and/or hit an inside straight. |
| Cowboys | Two Kings. | Ducks | Pair of Twos. | | | | |
| | | Deuces | Pair of Twos. | Flop Games | A form of poker (Hold'em and Omaha) Where community cards are dealt face up in the center of the table. | H Hand | What you hopefully make out of the cards dealt. |
| D | | E | | | | High-Card | To decide who deals first in flop tournaments each user is dealt a single card the player with the highest card (<i>based on the card and the suit order Spades, Hearts, Diamonds & Clubs</i>) becomes the dealer. |
| Dead Man's Hand | This is the hand held by Wild Bill Hickock when he was shot in the back and since then has been known as the dead mans hand two pair made up of Aces and Eights | Early Position | The Position on a round of betting where the player must act before most of the other players at the table. (This is usually the two positions located to the left of the Blinds.) | Flush | 5 cards of the same suit. | | |
| Door Card | The first exposed card, in a player's hand in Stud games. | F | | Flush Draw | When a player has four cards in his hand of the same suit and is hoping to draw a fifth to make a flush. | | |
| Down Card | Hole cards. The cards that are dealt face down. | Fifth Street | AKA the "river" card. In flop games, this is the fifth community card on the table and the final round of betting. Also the fifth card dealt in Stud Games and the third round of betting. | Fold | The act of throwing your hand in when it's your turn. | High-Low | Split pot games. |
| Doyle Brunson | This is an Holdem hand consisting of a 10-2 (The world championship was won two years running by Brunson with these cards). | | | Forced Bet | A required bet that starts the action on the first round of a poker hand. | Hold'em | Also known as Texas Hold'em, where the players get 2 cards dealt face down and 5 community cards. These are dealt face up. |
| Draw Lowball | Form of poker where each player is dealt five cards with the option of discarding one or more and replacing them with new ones and the low hand wins. | Five-card Draw | A form of poker where the player is dealt five cards down. With only one draw to replace them the best high hand wins the pot. | Four of a Kind | Four cards the same e.g. 4 Aces, 4 Tens etc. | Hole Cards | These are the Cards Face down in front of a player. |
| | | Five-card Stud | A well known poker game where each player is dealt 5 cards, 1 face down and 4 face up, the betting starts with card 2 and carries on through card 5. | Fourth Street | In flop games, This is the fourth community card dealt (AKA "the turn") is also the third round of betting. In Stud games, this is the 4th card dealt to each | House | The casino or cardroom that is hosting the poker game. <i>A place where you live when your not playing Poker.</i> |
| Draw Poker | Game of poker where each player is dealt five | | | | | | |

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| I | Inside Straight | 4 cards needing another between the top and bottom card to complete a straight. | Knock | someone who has just won a pot(s). Check. | Live Card(s) | In Stud Games, cards that have not been seen and are presumed to still be in play. | | early and late positions on a round of betting (<i>usually the 5th, 6th & 7th seats to the left of the button</i>). |
| J | Jackpot Poker | A game of poker where the cardroom or casino offers a jackpot to a player who loses with a really big hand (usually Aces full or better). | Kojak | A hand that contains a King, Jack. | Live Hand | A hand that could still win the pot. | Muck | To discard or throw away your hand. Also a pile of cards that are no longer in play. |
| | | | L Ladies | Two Queens. | Live One | A not so knowledgeable player who plays a lot of hands. | | |
| | | | Late Position | Position on a round of betting where the player must act after most of the other players have acted. | Look | When a player calls the final bet before the show down. | Minimum Buy-In | The least amount you can start a game with. |
| | Jacks-or- Better | Game of poker where a player needs at least a pair of jacks to open the betting. | | | Loose | Is a player who plays a lot hands. | Monster | A very big hand. In a tournament, a player who begins to accumulate chips after having a small stack is considered to be a monster. |
| | | | Lay Down Your Hand | When a player folds. | | | | |
| K | Kansas City Lowball | Form of lowball poker in which the worst poker hand (2, 3, 4, 5, 7 of different suits) is the best hand. It's also known as Deuce to Seven. | Lead | The first player to bet into a pot. | Lowball | Is a form of draw poker in which the lowest hand wins the pot. | N No Limit | A game where players can bet as much as they like (<i>as long as they have that amount in front of them</i>) on any round of betting. |
| | | | Limit Poker | A game that has fixed minimum and maximum betting intervals along with a set number of raises. | M Main Pot | The center pot. Any other bets are placed in a side pot(s) and are contested among the remaining players. This occurs when a player(s) goes all-in. | | |
| | Key Card | A card that gives you a big draw or makes your hand. | Limper | The first player who calls a bet. | | | Nuts | The best possible hand at any point of the game. A hand that cannot be beat. |
| | Key Hand | In a session or tournament, the hand that becomes a turning point for the player, either for better or worse. | Limp In | Enters the pot by calling rather than raising. (Usually a "Limp In" is when the first person to speak just calls the Big Blind.) | Make | or make the deck is to shuffle the deck. | O Odds | The likelihood or probability that some thing will occur, in this case the odds of making a hand from the cards dealt. |
| | Kicker | The highest unpaired side card in a players' hand. | | | Middle Pair | In a flop game, when you make a pair with one of your face down cards and the middle card of the flop. | | |
| | Kick It | Raise. | Live Blind | Where a player puts in a dark bet and is allowed to raise, even when no other player raises. Is also known as an "option". | | | Offsuit | Cards of a different suit. |
| | Kill Pot | A method to stimulate action. It is a forced bet by | | | Middle Position | Somewhere between the | Omaha | A game in which each player is dealt 4 cards face |

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| | down with 5 community cards. To make a hand, you must play 2 cards from your hand and 3 from the board. | | or may not think you have the best hand. | | player at the end of a hand. Can also mean when a dealer rotates to another table. | Razz | she has checked. 7 Card Stud where the lowest 5 cards win the pot. |
| Open | Make the first bet. | Picture Cards | Face cards (Jack, Queen and King). | Put Down | To fold a hand. | Re-buy | How much a player must pay to add a fixed amount of chips to his/her stack in a tournament. |
| Open-ended Straight | Four consecutive cards whereby one additional (consecutive) card is needed at either end to make a straight. | Play Back | To raise or re-raise another player's bet. | Q Quads | Four cards the same, i.e. 4 Kings, | Re-raise | To raise a raise. |
| | | Playing the Board | In flop games when your best hand is all five of the community cards. | Qualifier | In High-Low games, it is a requirement the Low hand must meet to win the pot. | Ring Game | A "live" game that is not a tournament. |
| Open Card | A card that is dealt face-up. | Pocket | The down or hole cards. | | | River | This is the last card given in all games. In Hold'em & Omaha, it is also known as 5th street. In Stud games, it is also known as 7th street. |
| Open Pair | A pair that has been dealt face-up. | Pocket Rockets | A pair of Aces in the pocket or hole. | R Rack | A tray that holds 100 poker chips in five stacks of twenty chips each. | | |
| Option | An option is a Live Blind made in the dark before the cards are dealt. If no one raises, the "option" player may raise the pot. | Position | Where a player is seated in relation to the dealer, this establishes the player's place in the betting order. | Rail | The rim of a poker table or a barrier outside a poker area. | Round of Betting | When players have the opportunity to bet, check or raise. Each round of betting ends when the last bet or raise has been called. |
| Out Button | A disc placed in front of a player who wants to sit out a hand(s) but stay in the game. | Post | When you post a bet, you place your chips in the pot. (You must post the Blinds.) | Railbird | A person who hangs around a poker room watching the games and is looking to get into the action. | Rounders | Players who hustle for a living. |
| P Paints | Face or picture cards (Jack, Queen and King). | Pot | The money or chips in the center of a table that players try to win. | Raise | To increase the previous bet. | Royal Flush | Ace high straight of the same suit. (A-K-Q-J-10) It is the best possible hand in poker. |
| Pair | Two cards of the same face or number value. | Pot Limit | This is a game where the maximum bet can equal the pot. | Rake | Chips taken from the pot by the cardroom for hosting the game. | | |
| Pass | To fold. | Prop | A person hired by the cardroom to start and maintain a card game <i>see also skill</i> . | Rank | The value of each card and hand. | S Satellite | It is a mini-tournament to gain an entry into a larger tournament. |
| Pay Off | To call on the final round of betting when you may | Push | When the dealer pushes the chips to the winning | Rap | If a player knocks on the table to indicate that he or | | |

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| Scoop | To win the entire pot. | | betting. | Stuck | cards. A player who is losing in a game. | U | |
| Seating List | A waiting list. For a table. If you wish to play this table you must put your name on the list. | Solid | A fairly tight player | T | | Up Card | A card that is dealt face-up. |
| Second Pair | In flop games, when you pair the second highest card on the board. | Small Blind | The amount put in the pot by the person immediately to the left of the dealer button before the cards are dealt. | Texas Hold'em | This is also the name for Hold'em, the most popular form of poker. | V-W | |
| See | To call. | Speed Limit | A pair of fives. | Third Street | In 7 Card Stud and 7 Card Stud 8 or Better, this is the first betting round on the first three cards. | Walking Sticks | A pair of sevens. |
| Seven-card Stud | A well-known poker game in which players get 3 face down cards and 4 face up cards. You play the best five of those seven cards. | Split | Tie. | Thirty Miles | Three tens. | Wild Card | A card that can be played as any value. |
| Seventh Street | This is the final round of betting in Seven Card Stud and Stud 8 or Better. | Stack | A pile of chips. | Three of a Kind | Three cards of the same number or face value ("trips"). | Worst Hand | A losing hand. |
| Shills | Shills are paid props who help start and maintain poker games. | Stay | When a player remains in the game by calling rather than raising. | Tight | A player who doesn't play many pots. or a game that doesn't much action. | WSOP | World Series of Poker. |
| Showdown | After the final betting round, when all active players turn their cards face up to see who has won the pot. | Steel Wheel | A five high straight (A-2-3-4-5) of the same suit. | TOC | Tournament of Champions. | <p><i>We hope you have found this dictionary useful. Be lucky!</i></p> <p><i>This dictionary has been compiled from various sources, and we have taken every effort to ensure it's accuracy, however we cannot guarantee that it is without mistakes, if you spot any obvious howlers we would appreciate an email so we can update the next edition. If you feel that there should be a word or phrase included then please let us know.</i></p> | |
| Side Pot | A separate pot(s) which is contested by remaining active players when one or more players are all-in. | Straddle | A straddle is a Blind bet which is usually double the size of the Big Blind (and that player may raise when the action gets to him). | Top Pair | In flop games, when the player pairs one of his down cards with the highest card on board. | | |
| Sixth Street | In 7card Stud, this is the 4th face up card dealt to the player (their 6th card). It is also the 4th round of | Straight Five | consecutive cards of any suit. | Treys | A pair of threes. | | |
| | | Straight Flush | Five consecutive cards of the same suit. | Trips | Three of a kind. | | |
| | | Structure | The limits put on the blinds, ante, bets, and raises in any game. | Turn | In flop games, this is the fourth card dealt. It is the third round of betting. | | |
| | | Stud Games | Games in which players get down cards and up | Two Pair | A hand consisting of two different pairs. | | |

