

BY THIS · Cards

54 cards from deck.json. Visual 9-up cut sheets: <https://tablepress.space/by-this/print.html>

1. How to play [1]

Reference

Put these 2 cards out. Keys: 1 in play, 2 face-up to buy. Mix 40 things + 4 specials. 3 people: give 5. 4 people: give 4. Three extras = Floor. Turn: draw to a full hand, place a thing, or play a special. Then you may close 4 or more. (Read only the Key's word.)

2. Shelf and Close [2]

Reference

Place on a legal end using only the Key's word. Same numbers sit together. Close: score how long it is, plus 1 for every extra card in a same-number pile. By This: new Key, then slide. (Cover the other three numbers with a thumb.)

3. By This [!]

Pivot

Take a new Key from the two face-up Keys. Slide the shelf. Then put a thing on the shelf. (The drawer is not the drawer.)

4. Dump the Shelf [∨]

Pivot

Every card on the shelf goes to the Floor. The Key stays. Then put a thing on the empty shelf. (Start the heap again.)

5. Lock the Key [△]

Pivot

This Key cannot be changed until the shelf closes. Then put a thing on the shelf. (Keep this order until someone closes.)

6. Same Number [=]

Pivot

Put a thing next to a matching number anywhere on the shelf, not only an end. If no match is showing, you cannot play this card. (A group is an order too.)

7. A to Z [ABC →]

Key

Left to right, names A to Z. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together. (The index, not the object.)

8. Z to A [ABC ←]

Key

Left to right, names Z to A. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together. (The index, running backward.)

9. Small to Large [Size →]

Key

Left to right, Size 1 to 10. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together. (Ant before whale.)

10. Large to Small [Size ←]

Key

Left to right, Size 10 to 1. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together. (Whale before ant.)

11. Light to Heavy [Weight →]

Key

Left to right, Weight 1 to 10. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together. (Stamp before tractor.)

12. Heavy to Light [Weight ←]

Key
Left to right, Weight 10 to 1. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together.
(Tractor before stamp.)

13. Old to New [Age →]

Key
Left to right, Age 1 to 10. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together.
(Diamond before ice cube.)

14. New to Old [Age ←]

Key
Left to right, Age 10 to 1. Put a thing on an end so this stays true. Same numbers sit together.
(Ice cube before diamond.)

15. Granite [□]

Stone
A standing stone. ABC 5. Size 10. Weight 9. Age 1.
(A rock that learned to stand.)

16. Ant [○]

Beast
One ant. ABC 1. Size 1. Weight 1. Age 3.
(Almost nothing. Still older than bread.)

17. Shark [○]

Beast
A shark. ABC 9. Size 9. Weight 9. Age 2.
(Older than trees. Built like a blade.)

18. Iron [□]

Stone
An iron bar. ABC 6. Size 7. Weight 7. Age 2.
(Common metal. Serious weight.)

19. Coffee [◇]

Food
One coffee bean. ABC 2. Size 2. Weight 2. Age 9.
(Small, late to the cabinet.)

20. Wheel [△]

Made
A wagon wheel. ABC 10. Size 8. Weight 7. Age 8.
(A circle that went to work.)

21. Frog [○]

Beast
A frog. ABC 4. Size 5. Weight 4. Age 3.
(Older than flowers. Palm-sized.)

22. Piano [△]

Made
An upright piano. ABC 7. Size 8. Weight 9. Age 10.
(Furniture that sings.)

23. Bread [◇]

Food
A loaf of bread. ABC 1. Size 6. Weight 6. Age 6.
(Grain, fire, a shape.)

24. Sand [□]

Stone
One grain of sand. ABC 9. Size 1. Weight 1. Age 3.
(Mountains, later.)

25. Dog [○]

Beast

A dog. ABC 3. Size 8. Weight 8. Age 6.
(The wolf that stayed.)

26. Needle [△]

Made

A sewing needle. ABC 7. Size 2. Weight 2. Age 5.
(A line of steel.)

27. Honey [◇]

Food

A jar of honey. ABC 5. Size 6. Weight 6. Age 7.
(Time, in a pot.)

28. Tractor [△]

Made

A farm tractor. ABC 9. Size 9. Weight 10. Age 10.
(The horse, after the horse.)

29. Canoe [△]

Made

A canoe. ABC 2. Size 9. Weight 8. Age 6.
(Long as a horse. Lighter than a horse.)

30. Pumice [□]

Stone

A pumice stone. ABC 8. Size 5. Weight 4. Age 3.
(A rock that floats.)

31. Anvil [△]

Made

A blacksmith's anvil. ABC 1. Size 7. Weight 8. Age 9.
(Early name. Late, serious weight.)

32. Wolf [○]

Beast

A wolf. ABC 10. Size 8. Weight 8. Age 5.
(The dog, before the dog.)

33. Elephant [○]

Beast

An elephant. ABC 4. Size 10. Weight 10. Age 4.
(A walking wall.)

34. Coin [△]

Made

One coin. ABC 3. Size 3. Weight 3. Age 9.
(A face on a disk.)

35. Lead [□]

Stone

A lead sinker. ABC 6. Size 4. Weight 5. Age 2.
(Small, and it will not float.)

36. Walnut [◇]

Food

One walnut. ABC 10. Size 3. Weight 3. Age 7.
(A brain in a wood coat.)

37. Diamond [□]

Stone

A cut diamond. ABC 3. Size 1. Weight 2. Age 1.
(Older than teeth. Small as a grain.)

38. Horse [○]

Beast

A horse. ABC 5. Size 9. Weight 9. Age 5.
(A couch that runs.)

39. Rice [◇]

Food

One grain of rice. ABC 8. Size 1. Weight 1. Age 7.
(A meal, before it is a meal.)

40. Brick [△]

Made

One brick. ABC 2. Size 6. Weight 7. Age 7.
(Clay taught to be a wall.)

41. Olive [◇]

Food

One olive. ABC 7. Size 2. Weight 2. Age 8.
(A pit in a shiny coat.)

42. Gold [□]

Stone

A gold nugget. ABC 4. Size 3. Weight 5. Age 1.
(Smaller than a mouse. Heavier than a mouse.)

43. Whale [○]

Beast

A whale. ABC 10. Size 10. Weight 10. Age 4.
(The shelf's loudest end.)

44. Crow [○]

Beast

A crow. ABC 3. Size 7. Weight 6. Age 5.
(A lot of bird. Not a lot of stone.)

45. Mouse [○]

Beast

A mouse. ABC 6. Size 4. Weight 3. Age 4.
(A handful of hurry.)

46. Coal [□]

Stone

A lump of coal. ABC 2. Size 5. Weight 5. Age 2.
(Forests, buried, burned.)

47. Pumpkin [◇]

Food

A pumpkin. ABC 8. Size 7. Weight 7. Age 8.
(A lantern you can eat.)

48. Egg [◇]

Food

One hen's egg. ABC 4. Size 4. Weight 4. Age 9.
(A meal with a door.)

49. Stamp [△]

Made

A postage stamp. ABC 9. Size 2. Weight 1. Age 10.
(A country, thin as paper.)

50. Apple [◇]

Food

One apple. ABC 1. Size 5. Weight 5. Age 8.
(A fist of fruit.)

51. Quartz [□]

Stone

A quartz crystal. ABC 8. Size 4. Weight 4. Age 1.
(Clear, old, a point.)

52. Hammer [△]

Made

A claw hammer. ABC 5. Size 6. Weight 6. Age 6.
(A hit with a handle.)

53. Oak [◇]

Food

An oak tree. ABC 7. Size 10. Weight 10. Age 4.
(A forest in one name.)

54. Ice [□]

Stone

An ice cube. ABC 6. Size 3. Weight 3. Age 10.
(Always the newest thing in the room.)