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For a FISH. If the opponent has the card, they must give it to the player. The first player lays the matching pair face up on the table in front of him/her. The first player can continue asking for cards from any opponent until he/she does not get the card asked for. If the opponent does not have the requested card in his/her hand, he/she says, "Go Fish!" and the first player selects any card from the "pond." If the drawn card is the card he/she wanted, he/she must show it to all players, then place the matched pair face up in front of him/her, and can go again. If it is not the card asked for, the first player's turn is over and play continues to the left in the same manner.

If a player runs out of cards, they pick up five from the "pond" to continue playing.

## WINNING THE GAME

The game is over when all the cards are gone and in pairs face up on the table. All players count the pairs in front of them. The player that has the most sets of paired letter/animal cards wins.

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