

Speak English With Vanessa

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Real Life English: Playing “Uno”

Dear English Learner,

Get ready to speak confidently with real English. I recommend reading these sample sentences out loud, [watching the original lesson to view the original context](#), and using the blank space on the last page to answer my challenge question using the vocabulary. Thanks so much for learning English with me!

Your teacher,

Vanessa

“Uno” Vocabulary and Phrases

1. I’m going to show you or “I’m a show you”: *to show someone how to do something*

Alright, you shuffled, and now **I’m going to show you** another way to shuffle.

I’m going to show you how to make a cake using only three ingredients!

OR

I’m a show you an easier way to shuffle.

I’m a show you how to make a cake with only three ingredients!

2. Let’s go! Let’s do it! *to show enthusiasm for doing something*

Do you want to go jump in the cold lake? Yeah, **let’s go! Let’s do it!**

I think I want to go get ice cream for dinner. **-Let’s go! Let’s do it!**

3. Shuffle the cards: *to mix up the cards, ensuring they are not in order*

Deal the cards: *to give each player a certain number of cards, depending on the game*

After you **shuffle the cards**, **deal the cards**, making sure each player has 5 cards in their hand.

I will **shuffle the cards** and then I will let you **deal the cards**.

4. Supposed to: *a way of saying that someone should do something*

You're always **supposed to** start with the other person.

You're **supposed to** let the cookies cool for 5 minutes before you eat them, but I can't wait that long!

5. Lay (them) out: *to spread something out so that you can see it better*

Can you turn over your cards and **lay** them **out** on the table?

I can't decide what outfit I want to wear, so I am going to **lay** them all **out** and let you pick for me.

6. How about: *a way of making a suggestion*

How about you go first?

How about we have dinner and then we can eat cake?

7. Happens to be: *by chance or by coincidence*

I have a 1 card, and it **happens to be** red, too.

My best friend's birthday **happens to be** the same as mine!

8. I mean: *a way of correcting yourself when you misspeak*

You have an 8, **I mean**, a yellow.

I have been married for ten, **I mean**, twelve years!

9. Get to: *to be able to do something*

You **get to** choose the top card.

You **get to** decide what we have for dinner on your birthday.

10. Wait! (wa-wa-wait!) *to urgently tell someone to stop*

Wa-wa-wait! You have something that can match that.

Wa-wa-wait! Don't eat that, it's not a real cookie, it's a dog treat!

11. None: *not one or not any*

No: *a lack of something or the negative of something*

I have **none**. (VS) I have **no** cards.

None of these cards will help me win this game.

There are **no** cards left in the draw pile.

12. Goes back to: *to return to*

It **goes back to** your turn.

For the holidays, I **go back to** my hometown to visit my family and friends.

13. Why don't you: *another way of making a suggestion*

Why don't you want to pick up 4?

If you're worried about missing the appointment, **why don't you** set an alarm as a reminder?

14. Otherwise: *in a different situation; or else*

You can play that card. **Otherwise**, you have to pick up a card.

I better write that number down, **otherwise** I will forget it.

15. Or do they? *a way of questioning or challenging something*

They match. **Or do they?** The six and the nine were tricking me, too.

Those two pictures look the exact same! **Or do they?** Maybe they aren't as alike as I thought they were!

Vanessa's Challenge Question

Use the space below to write a few sentences answering this question: **What is your favorite card game to play? How do you play it?**

Sample answer: *My favorite card game to play is called War. First, you shuffle the cards, and then you deal the entire deck between two people. You are supposed to flip the cards over quickly, and the person with the higher value card gets both cards. You keep playing until there are no cards left. My sister and I used to play it all the time when we were kids.*

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