Tic-tac-toe is a simple two-player game played on a 3x3 grid. One player is "X" and the other is "O". Players take turns placing their respective symbol on the grid, with the goal of getting three of their symbols in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) before the other player does. If all of the spaces on the grid are filled and no player has won, the game is a draw.

**Here are the basic steps to play a game of tic-tac-toe:**

* Choose who will go first. One player will be "X" and the other will be "O".
* Take turns placing your symbol on the grid. Players can only place their symbol in an empty space on the grid.
* Check for a winner after each turn. If a player gets three of their symbols in a row, they win the game.
* If the grid is full and no one has won, the game is a draw.