

YAHTZEE

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YOU WIN!!!



You

193



Bill

191

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	You	Bill
Ones	1	1
Twos	6	6
Threes	12	6
Fours	8	12
Fives	15	10
Sixes	18	18
Sum	60	53
Bonus	0	0
Three of a kind	22	25
Four of a kind	29	0
Full House	0	25
Small straight	30	30
Large straight	40	40
Chance	12	18
YAHTZEE	0	0
TOTAL SCORE	193	191

Yahtzee Rules

The objective of YAHTZEE is to get as many points as possible by rolling five dice and getting certain combinations of dice.

Gameplay

In each turn a player may throw the dice up to three times. A player doesn't have to roll all five dice on the second and third throw of a round, he may put as many dice as he wants to the side and only throw the ones that don't have the numbers he's trying to get. For example, a player throws and gets 1,3,3,4,6. He decides he want to try for the small straight, which is 1,2,3,4,5. So, he puts 1,3,4 to the side and only throws 3 and 6 again, hoping to get 2 and 5.

In this game you click on the dice you want to keep. They will be moved down and will not be thrown the next time you press the 'Roll Dice' button. If you decide after the second throw in a turn that you don't want to keep the same dice before the third throw then you can click them again and they will move back to the table and be thrown in the third throw.

Upper section combinations

- **Ones:** Get as many ones as possible.
- **Twos:** Get as many twos as possible.
- **Threes:** Get as many threes as possible.
- **Fours:** Get as many fours as possible.
- **Fives:** Get as many fives as possible.
- **Sixes:** Get as many sixes as possible.

For the six combinations above the score for each of them is the sum of dice of the right

kind. E.g. if you get 1,3,3,3,5 and you choose Threes you will get $3 \times 3 = 9$ points. The sum of all the above combinations is calculated and if it is 63 or more, the player will get a bonus of 35 points. On average a player needs three of each to reach 63, but it is not required to get three of each exactly, it is perfectly OK to have five sixes, and zero ones for example, as long as the sum is 63 or more the bonus will be awarded.

Lower section combinations

- **Three of a kind:** Get three dice with the same number. Points are the sum all dice (not just the three of a kind).
- **Four of a kind:** Get four dice with the same number. Points are the sum all dice (not just the four of a kind).
- **Full house:** Get three of a kind and a pair, e.g. 1,1,3,3,3 or 3,3,3,6,6. Scores 25 points.
- **Small straight:** Get four sequential dice, 1,2,3,4 or 2,3,4,5 or 3,4,5,6. Scores 30 points.
- **Large straight:** Get five sequential dice, 1,2,3,4,5 or 2,3,4,5,6. Scores 40 points.
- **Chance:** You can put anything into chance, it's basically like a garbage can when you don't have anything else you can use the dice for. The score is simply the sum of the dice.
- **YAHTZEE:** Five of a kind. Scores 50 points. You can get multiple Yahtzees, see below for details.

Multiple Yahtzees

After months of requests from people about adding support for multiple Yahtzees I've finally added it. The rules around it are a bit complex, but I believe they are the right ones, at least according to <http://www.yahtzee.org.uk/rules.html>. There are a couple of different cases:

1. **You already have a Yahtzee:** You get a 100 bonus points in the Yahtzee box, but you also have a joker, which means that you can choose another move for the Yahtzee you just got. If the number you got yahtzees with has not been filled out in the upper section, then you must choose that. E.g. if you get an additional Yahtzee with 2's, and you haven't filled out the 2's in the upper section then you must choose that, and get 10 points for it. If the upper section box is already filled then you can choose any of the lower region boxes, and they will be scored as normal. Yahtzee is a superset of 3 of a kind, 4 of a kind, full house and chance, but you can also choose small or large straight and will get the normal 30 and 40 points for those.
2. **You've already put 0 in the Yahtzee box:** In this case you get no 100 point bonus, but you do get a joker, and can choose your move following the rules described above for jokers.

Strategy tips

Try to get the bonus. Focus on getting good throws with fives and sixes, then it won't matter if you put 0 in the ones or twos. You can always put in 0 for a combination if you don't have it, even if you have some other combination. E.g. if you had 2,3,4,5,6 and the only things you had left were Ones and Sixes, then it would be better to put 0 in Ones than to put only 6 in Sixes.

Maximum score

The maximum possible score without multiple Yahtzees is 375, and you would get that by getting 5 ones (5), 5 twos (10), 5 threes (15), 5 fours (20), 5 fives (25), 5 sixes (30), get the bonus points (35), five sixes (30) for three of a kind, five sixes (30) for four of a kind, get a full house (25), get a small straight (30), get a large straight (40), five sixes for chance (30), get a YAHTZEE (50). $5 + 10 + 15 + 20 + 25 + 30 + 35 + 30 + 30 + 25 + 30 + 40 + 30 + 50 = 375$! The absolute maximum score, if you got Yahtzee for every move in the lower region, is 490.

YAHTZEE vs. YATZY

In Scandinavia this game is called YATZY and has different rules, scoring and combinations. If you're from Denmark, Sweden or Iceland and are playing this game and thinking there's something wrong with it, then no, there's nothing wrong, they are just different rules. Check **Wikipedia** for a detailed list of the differences between the two games.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy the game. If you have any questions or comments, send them to **simplegames@simplegames.io**.

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About Yahtzee



This game was made by me. My name is Einar Egilsson and over there on the left is my current Facebook profile picture! In the last couple of years I've made a number of simple online card games, including **Hearts** and **Spades**. After making seven card games and three solitaires I figured it was time to try something else, so I decided to make YAHTZEE (or YATZY as it's known here in Denmark, where the rules and scoring are also slightly different). It's been a fun game to make, and I'm looking forward to seeing how well Bill will play against human opponents :)

The game is made using Javascript, HTML and CSS, with jQuery and a couple of jQuery plugins used for animations. Since I have no artistic talent whatsoever I used graphics that I found at **OpenClipArt**, a great site with free graphics.

Any questions, comments or requests about the game, please send them to **simplegames@simplegames.io**. Hope you enjoy the game!

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