

# Brain Storm

2-10 players    Age: 12 and up    15 minutes playing time

## Components:

120 picture cards

## Idea of the game:

Who is able to connect two of the placed cards first? The player who manages to connect them gets the cards. Then the display gets filled up again and the game continues right away. The person with the most cards in the end wins.

## Setup:

Shuffle all 120 cards and place 9 of them face up in the middle of the table. The other cards build the draw pile.

## How to play:

The game starts as soon as the 9 cards are placed on the table. All players play simultaneously and try to connect exactly 2 cards with each other.

## What is a connection?

To connect two cards with each other can players use everything that comes to mind when they see the pictures.

It is possible to connect two pictures to one word, but also expressions or descriptions in the figurative sense, movie titles, feelings, etc. can be used.

Examples:

Baby + calendar = birthday

Alarm clock + money = time is money

Rotating beacon + balloons = surprise party

Heart + pot = favorite food

Sun + crown = Sun King

But it is also allowed to use the attributes of the shown things.

Diamond + builder = hard work

Black cat + calendar = Black Friday

## Found a connection?

The player who has found a connection names it loudly and points to the two cards that got connected.

If the other players agree he is then allowed to take these two cards for himself. The display gets filled up to 9 cards again after that and the game continues right away.

If he can't convince the other players the game goes on until a different connection is found.

## End of game:

The game is over when the draw pile and all cards in the middle are depleted. The player(s) with the most cards win.

## Tips for forming connections:

Our brain tends to quickly associate a picture or object with a term. If you try to look for other meanings you're able to find other solutions with ease.

Examples: The cage can not only mean 'bird cage', but could also mean 'freedom' or 'prison'

The ladder can also mean 'high', 'down' or 'climbing'.