

# Party Poker - Dictionary

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## Poker Lingo

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Poker has a language somewhat to itself. Party Poker provides with a glossary to familiarize yourself with poker terms. Many of the poker terms in this glossary are linked to one another. If you click a link within a definition, click your browser's "back" button to return to the definition you just left.

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### A

- Aces Full** A [full house](#) with three aces and any [pair](#).
- Ace-High** A five card [hand](#) that contains one Ace, with no [straight](#) or [flush](#) or a hand with no pair in it.
- Aces Up** A [hand](#) that contains two [pairs](#), one of which is Aces.
- Action** Checking/Betting/Raising. A game in which players are playing a lot of pots is considered an "action" game.
- Active Player** Any player who is still in the [hand](#).
- Add-on** A purchase of more chips (optional) at the end of the re-buy period in a tournament.
- All-In** When a player [bets](#) all his/her chips.: In [online poker](#), you may be deemed "All-in" when you are disconnected (even if you have chips remaining).
- American Airlines** Two Aces.
- Ante** Money placed in the [pot](#) before the [hand](#) is begun.
- ### B
- Bad Beat** When a [hand](#) is beaten by a lucky draw.
- Belly Buster** A draw and/or catch to an [Inside Straight](#).
- Bet** To place chips into the [pot](#).
- Bet the Pot** When a player bets the amount of the [pot](#).
- Bicycle** A [straight](#) that is A-2-3-4-5.

<b>Big Blind</b>	A designated amount that is placed by the player sitting in the second position, clockwise from the dealer, before any cards are dealt. (Players joining a game in progress must post a Big Blind, but may do so from any position.)
<b>Big Slick</b>	A hand that contains an A-K.
<b>Blind</b>	The bet(s) that must be made by the two players sitting directly to the dealer's left which will start the action on the first <a href="#">round of betting</a> . The blinds are posted before any cards are dealt. (A "Blind" bet is one that is made in the dark without looking at your cards.)
<b>Blind Raise</b>	When a player <a href="#">raises</a> without looking at his hand.
<b>Bluff</b>	To make other players believe that one has a better <a href="#">hand</a> than he/she might otherwise have by <a href="#">betting</a> or <a href="#">raising</a> when they do not have the best hand.
<b>Boardcards</b>	The cards that are dealt face-up in a <a href="#">poker game</a> for all players to see. In <a href="#">flop games</a> , five cards are dealt face-up in the center of the table. In <a href="#">Seven Card Stud</a> , four cards are dealt face-up in front of each player.
<b>Bottom Pair</b>	When a player uses the lowest card on the <a href="#">flop</a> to make a <a href="#">pair</a> with one of his own cards.
<b>Broadway</b>	An Ace high <a href="#">straight</a> (A-K-Q-J-10).
<b>Bring-In</b>	The forced bet made on the first round of betting by the player who is dealt the lowest card showing in <a href="#">Seven Card Stud</a> and Stud 8 or Better. In <a href="#">Razz</a> (Lowball) it is the highest card showing
<b>Bring It In</b>	To start the betting on the first round.
<b>Broomcorn's Uncle</b>	A player who antes himself broke.
<b>Bullets</b>	A <a href="#">pair</a> of Aces.
<b>Bump</b>	To <a href="#">raise</a> .
<b>Button</b>	Also known as the dealer button, it is a small round disk that is moved from player to player in a clockwise direction following each hand, to theoretically indicate the dealer of each hand.
<b>Buy-In</b>	The minimum amount of money required by a player to sit down in a particular poker game.

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## C

**Call** When a player chooses to match the previous bet.

<b>Call Cold</b>	To call both a bet and <a href="#">raise(s)</a> .
<b>Cap</b>	To take the last of the maximum amount of <a href="#">raises</a> allowed per round of betting.
<b>Cardroom</b>	The room or space in a casino where poker is played.
<b>Case Chips</b>	A player's last chips.
<b>Cash Out</b>	To leave a game and convert your chips to cash.
<b>Check</b>	When it's a player's turn to act and there has been no action in front of them and he opts not to bet, he "checks."
<b>Check-Raise</b>	When a player first checks and then raises in a betting round.
<b>Chop</b>	To return the blinds to the players who posted them and move on to the next hand if no other players call. It also means to "split the pot".
<b>Collusion</b>	When two or more players conspire to cheat in a <a href="#">poker game</a> .
<b>Community Cards</b>	Cards that are face-up and used by all players.
<b>Cowboys</b>	Two Kings.
<b>D</b>	
<b>Dead Man's Hand</b>	Two pair - Aces and Eights (Wild Bill Hickock was shot in the back while playing this hand).
<b>Door Card</b>	This is the first exposed card, or "up" card, in a player's hand in Stud games.
<b>Down Card</b>	<a href="#">Hole</a> cards. Cards that are dealt face down.
<b>Doyle Brunson</b>	It's a Holdem hand consisting of a 10-2 (Brunson won the world championship two years in a row on the final hand with these cards).
<b>Draw Lowball</b>	Form of <a href="#">poker</a> where each player is dealt five cards with the option of discarding one or more and replacing them with new ones and the low hand wins.
<b>Draw Poker</b>	Form of poker where each player is dealt five cards down with the option of discarding one or more and replacing them with new ones to attempt to make a better hand.
<b>Drop</b>	<a href="#">Fold</a> .
<b>Ducks</b>	A pair of Twos.
<b>Deuces</b>	A pair of Twos.

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## E

**Early Position** Position on a round of betting where the player must act before most of the other players at the table. (It's considered the two positions located to the left of the [Blinds](#). )

## F

**Fifth Street** Also known as the "[river](#)" card. In [flop games](#), this represents the fifth [community](#) card on the table and the final round of betting. In [Stud games](#), this is the fifth card dealt to each player and represents the third round of betting.

**Five-card Draw** A poker game in which the player is dealt five cards down. They have one draw to replace them and the best high hand wins the pot.

**Five-card Stud** A poker game in which each player is dealt five cards, one down and four up, with betting after 2, 3, 4, & 5 cards.

**Flat Call** [Calling](#) a bet without [raising](#).

**Flop** In [Hold'em](#) and [Omaha](#), the first three [community](#) cards that are dealt face-up in the center of the table all at one time. The "flop" also indicates the second round of betting.

**Flop Games** [Poker games](#) ([Hold 'em](#) and [Omaha](#)) that are played using [community](#) cards that are dealt face up in the center of the table.

**Floorman** An employee of the cardroom who makes rulings and decisions.

**Flush** Any five cards of the same suit.

**Flush Draw** When a player has four cards in his hand of the same suit and is hoping to draw a fifth to make a flush.

**Fold** To throw your hand away when it's your turn to act.

**Forced Bet** A required bet that starts the action on the first round of a [poker hand](#).

**Four of a Kind** Four cards of the same number or face value ("quads").

**Fourth Street** In [flop games](#), it is the fourth [community](#) card dealt (also known as "[the turn](#)") and represents the third round of betting. In [Stud games](#), it is the fourth card dealt to each player and represents the second round of betting.

**Full House** Any three cards of the same number or face value, plus any other two cards of the same number or face value.

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## G

**Gut Shot** To draw to and/or hit an inside straight.

## H

**Hand** A player's best five cards.

**High-Card** To decide the first dealer in the flop tournaments each user is dealt a single card and the player with the highest card (based on the card and the suit order - of spades, hearts, diamonds & clubs) becomes the theoretical dealer.

**High-Low** Split pot games.

**Hold 'em** Also known as Texas Hold 'em, where the players get two [down](#) cards and five [community](#) cards. See our complete [Hold 'em](#) rules in our [Game Rules](#) section.

**Hole Cards** These are the [Down Cards](#) in front of the players.

**House** The casino or cardroom that is hosting the poker game.

## I

**Inside Straight** Four cards which require another between the top and the bottom card to complete a [straight](#). Players who catch this card make an Inside Straight.

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## J

**Jackpot Poker** A form of poker in which the cardroom or casino offers a jackpot to a player who has lost with a really big hand (usually Aces full or better).

**Jacks-or- Better** A form of [poker](#) in which a player needs to have at least a pair of jacks to open the betting.

## K

**Kansas City Lowball** Form of [lowball](#) poker in which the worst poker hand (2, 3, 4, 5, 7 of different suits) is the best hand. It's also known as Deuce to Seven.

**Keep Them Honest** To call at the end of a hand to prevent someone from bluffing.

**Key Card** A card that gives you a big draw or makes your [hand](#).

<b>Key Hand</b>	In a session or tournament, the one hand that ends up being a turning point for the player, either for better or worse.
<b>Kicker</b>	The highest unpaired side card in a players' hand.
<b>Kick It</b>	<a href="#">Raise</a> .
<b>Kill Pot</b>	A method to stimulate action. It is a forced bet by someone who has just won a pot(s).
<b>Knock</b>	<a href="#">Check</a> .
<b>Kojak</b>	A hand that contains a K-J.
<b>L</b>	
<b>Ladies</b>	Two Queens.
<b>Late Position</b>	Position on a round of betting where the player must act after most of the other players have acted (usually considered to be the two positions next to the <a href="#">button</a> ).
<b>Lay Down Your Hand</b>	When a player <a href="#">folds</a> .
<b>Lead</b>	The first player to bet into a <a href="#">pot</a> .
<b>Limit Poker</b>	A game that has fixed minimum and maximum betting intervals along with a prescribed number of raises.
<b>Limper</b>	The first player who calls a bet.
<b>Limp In</b>	To enter the <a href="#">pot</a> by calling rather than <a href="#">raising</a> . (The usual concept of "Limp In" is when the first person to speak just calls the Big Blind.)
<b>Live Blind</b>	An instance where the player puts in a dark bet and is allowed to <a href="#">raise</a> , even if no other player raises. It's also known as an " <a href="#">option</a> ".
<b>Live Card(s)</b>	In <a href="#">Stud Games</a> , cards that have not yet been seen and are presumed to still be in play.
<b>Live Hand</b>	A <a href="#">hand</a> that could still win the <a href="#">pot</a> .
<b>Live One</b>	A not so knowledgeable player who plays a lot of hands.
<b>Look</b>	When a player calls the final bet before the <a href="#">showdown</a> .
<b>Loose</b>	Is a player who plays a lot hands.
<b>Lowball</b>	Is a form of <a href="#">draw poker</a> in which the lowest hand wins the pot.

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## M

<b>Main Pot</b>	The center pot. Any other bets are placed in a <a href="#">side pot(s)</a> and are contested among the remaining players. This occurs when a player(s) goes <a href="#">all-in</a> .
<b>Make</b>	To make the deck is to shuffle the deck.
<b>Maniac</b>	A very aggressive player who plays a lot of hands.
<b>Middle Pair</b>	In <a href="#">flop games</a> , when a player makes a pair with one of his/her <a href="#">down cards</a> and the middle card on the <a href="#">flop</a> .
<b>Middle Position</b>	Somewhere between the early and late positions on a round of betting (the fifth, sixth and seventh seats to the left of the <a href="#">button</a> ).
<b>Muck</b>	To discard or throw away your <a href="#">hand</a> . It's also a pile of cards that are no longer in play.
<b>Minimum Buy-In</b>	The least amount you can start a game with.
<b>Monster</b>	A very big <a href="#">hand</a> . In a tournament, a player who begins to accumulate chips after having a small stack is considered to be a monster.

## N

<b>No Limit</b>	A game where players can bet as much as they like (as long as they have it in front of them) on any round of betting.
<b>Nuts</b>	The best possible <a href="#">hand</a> at any point of the game. A hand that cannot be beat.

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## O

<b>Odds</b>	The probability of making a <a href="#">hand</a> vs. the probability of not making a hand.
<b>Offsuit</b>	Cards of a different suit.
<b>Omaha</b>	A game in which each player is dealt four <a href="#">down cards</a> with five community cards. To make your hand, you must play two cards from your hand and three from the board.
<b>Open</b>	To make the first bet.
<b>Open-ended Straight</b>	Four consecutive cards whereby one additional (consecutive) card is needed at either end to make a <a href="#">straight</a> .

<b>Open Card</b>	A card that is dealt face-up.
<b>Open Pair</b>	A <a href="#">pair</a> that has been dealt face-up.
<b>Option</b>	An option is a <a href="#">Live Blind</a> made in the dark before the cards are dealt. If no one raises, the "option" player may raise the pot.
<b>Out Button</b>	A disc placed in front of a player who wishes to sit out a hand(s) but remain in the game.

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## P

<b>Paints</b>	Face or picture cards (Jack, Queen and King).
<b>Pair</b>	Two cards of the same face or number value.
<b>Pass</b>	To <a href="#">fold</a> .
<b>Pay Off</b>	To <a href="#">call</a> on the final round of betting when you may or may not think you have the best hand.
<b>Picture Cards</b>	Face cards (Jack, Queen and King).
<b>Play Back</b>	To <a href="#">raise</a> or re-raise another player's bet.
<b>Playing the Board</b>	In <a href="#">flop games</a> when your best five card hand is all five of the <a href="#">community</a> cards.
<b>Pocket</b>	The <a href="#">down cards</a> or <a href="#">hole cards</a> .
<b>Pocket Rockets</b>	A pair of Aces in the <a href="#">pocket</a> or <a href="#">hole</a> .
<b>Position</b>	Where a player is seated in relation to the dealer, therefore establishing that player's place in the betting order.
<b>Post</b>	When you post a bet, you place your chips in the <a href="#">pot</a> . (You must post the <a href="#">Blinds</a> .)
<b>Pot</b>	The money or chips in the center of a table that players try to win.
<b>Pot Limit</b>	This is a game where the maximum bet can equal the <a href="#">pot</a> .
<b>Prop</b>	A person hired by the cardroom to work as a <a href="#">shill</a> .
<b>Push</b>	When the dealer pushes the chips to the winning player at the end of a hand. It's also when dealers rotate to other tables.
<b>Put Down</b>	To <a href="#">fold</a> a hand.



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## Q

**Quads** Four of a kind.

**Qualifier** In [High-Low](#) games, it is a requirement the Low hand must meet to win the pot.

## R

**Rack** A tray that holds 100 poker chips in five stacks of twenty chips each.

**Rail** The rim of a poker table or a barrier outside a poker area.

**Railbird** Someone who hangs around a [poker room](#) who watches the games and/or is looking to get into action.

**Raise** To increase the previous bet.

**Rake** Chips taken from the [pot](#) by the cardroom for compensation for hosting the game.

**Rank** The value of each card and hand.

**Rap** When a player knocks on the table indicating that he/she has [checked](#).

**Razz** Seven Card Stud where the lowest five cards win the pot.

**Re-buy** The amount of money a player pays to add a fixed number of chips to his/her stack in a tournament.

**Re-raise** To raise a [raise](#).

**Ring Game** A "live" game that is not a tournament.

**River** This is the last card given in all games. In [Hold'em](#) and [Omaha](#), it is also known as 5th street. In [Stud](#) games, it is also known as 7th street.

**Round of Betting** This is when players have the opportunity to [bet](#), [check](#) or [raise](#). Each round of betting ends when the last bet or raise has been called.

**Rounders** Guys who hustle for a living. This is also the name of a popular poker movie starring Matt Damon and Ed Norton.

**Royal Flush** This is an Ace high straight (A-K-Q-J-10) of the same suit. It is the best possible hand in poker.

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## S

<b>Satellite</b>	It is a mini-tournament to gain an entry into a larger tournament.
<b>Scoop</b>	To win the entire <a href="#">pot</a> .
<b>Seating List</b>	A waiting list. A player would put his or her name on this list if there were no seats at the table at which they wish to play.
<b>Second Pair</b>	In <a href="#">flop games</a> , when you pair the second highest card on the board.
<b>See</b>	To call.
<b>Seven-card Stud</b>	A well-known poker game in which players get three down cards and four up cards. You play the best five of those seven cards. Click here for information on <a href="#">Seven-card Stud</a> .
<b>Seventh Street</b>	This is the final round of betting in Seven Card Stud and Stud 8 or Better.
<b>Shills</b>	Shills are paid <a href="#">props</a> who help start and maintain poker games.
<b>Showdown</b>	At the end of the final betting round, it's when all active players turn their cards face-up to see who has won the <a href="#">pot</a> .
<b>Side Pot</b>	A separate pot(s) which is contested by remaining active players when one or more players are all-in.
<b>Sixth Street</b>	In <a href="#">Seven-card Stud</a> , this is the fourth "up" card dealt to the player (their 6th card). It is also the 4th round of betting.
<b>Solid</b>	A fairly tight player (and reasonably good).
<b>Small Blind</b>	The amount put in the pot by the person immediately to the left of the dealer "button" prior to the cards being dealt.
<b>Speed Limit</b>	A pair of fives.
<b>Split</b>	Tie.
<b>Stack</b>	A pile of chips.
<b>Stay</b>	When a player remains in the game by <a href="#">calling</a> rather than <a href="#">raising</a> .
<b>Steel Wheel</b>	A five high straight (A-2-3-4-5) of the same suit.
<b>Straddle</b>	A straddle is a Blind bet which is usually double the size of the Big Blind\ (and that player may raise when the action gets to him).
<b>Straight</b>	Five consecutive cards of any suit.

<b>Straight Flush</b>	Five consecutive cards of the same suit.
<b>Structure</b>	The limits put on the <a href="#">blinds/ante</a> , <a href="#">bets</a> , and <a href="#">raises</a> in any particular game.
<b>Stud Games</b>	Games in which players get down cards and up cards.
<b>Stuck</b>	A player who is losing in a game.

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## T

<b><a href="#">Texas Hold'em</a></b>	This is also the name for <a href="#">Hold'em</a> , the most popular form of poker.
<b>Third Street</b>	In <a href="#">Seven Card Stud</a> and Seven Card Stud 8 or Better, this is the first betting round on the first three cards.
<b>Thirty Miles</b>	Three tens.
<b>Three of a Kind</b>	Three cards of the same number or face value ("trips").
<b>Tight</b>	A player who doesn't play many pots. A tight game is one that doesn't have much action.
<b>TOC</b>	Tournament of Champions.
<b>Top Pair</b>	In <a href="#">flop games</a> , when the player pairs one of his <a href="#">down cards</a> with the highest card on board.
<b>Treys</b>	A pair of threes.
<b>Trips</b>	Three of a kind.
<b>Turn</b>	In <a href="#">flop games</a> , this is the fourth card dealt. It is the third round of betting.
<b>Two Pair</b>	A hand consisting of two different pairs.

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## U

<b>Up Card</b>	A card that is dealt face-up.
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## V-W

<b>Walking Sticks</b>	A pair of sevens.
<b>Wild Card</b>	A card that can be played as any value.

**Worst Hand**

A losing hand.

**WSOP**

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