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Tips on how to Frequently Win with Solitaire. by Hellen Frey

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When I initially learned how to play the game of Solitaire, I constantly found it almost impossible to actually get a round of the game finished. I could literally play for hours at a time on a single game and still never get a round completed properly.

Soon I discovered though, that winning hands of solitaire is indeed possible, you just need to know what your doing and have a touch of lady luck on your side aswell. The first things to learn in the journey to mastering solitaire will be the different terminologies used in the game. Let us start with the "Foundation". This is the 4 sets of spaces at the top of your game where you will pile up sets of suits, from ace (1) through to the king. Then there are the "Columns" which are the 7 stacks of cards (often staggered but not always) from which you play and build out your suits from king right down to ace (then moving into the foundation from the ace upwards), and finally the "Stockpile" which is the remaining cards in a pile which you will draw from when there is no more moves to make on the columns or foundation.

Let us look at a few tips that you will no doubt find helpful on your journey to mastering the game of solitaire.

Do not touch the stockpile straight away as soon as the playing cards are dealt. Instead, if you have any aces then move those into the foundation area.

Proceed building around the 4 foundations if at all possible. It is likely there will not be much to add to the foundations at this early stage, so just try and add any if you can.

Spend most time on your columns to start with. Sometimes you can swap stacks around, it is ok to move entire stacks from one column to another to get more cards exposed.

Try and work with your columns as much as possible. Sometimes moving around piles from one column to another is neccessary so as not to dip into the stockpile.

While there are still hidden cards in your columns, you must concentrate on exposing as much of the columns as possible. Try not to just build your columns downwards, instead try and think a few moves ahead and get more cards exposed.

When a you are confronted with a choice of building a column or adding to a foundation, you should choose the foundation. You can move cards from the foundation back into the columns if needed, but hidden cards in columns are not easily accessible so we want to make space to get them exposed, by placing whatever cards possible in the foundation all the time.

Try and keep options and alternative moves available as much as possible. Always reveal cards, dont let yourself get trapped for moves by missing early reveals.

And a Final tip, perhaps the best one of all;

Never give up! Not every round of solitaire is solvable (debatable) however most of them can be completed with a bit of patience, and following the few tips outlined above. Remember, in some countries "Solitaire" is actually called "Patience" so dont expect to master it over night!

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