

Solitary Word

solitaire played one word at a time

Note: You will need 5 or so tokens to play. I suggest pennies.

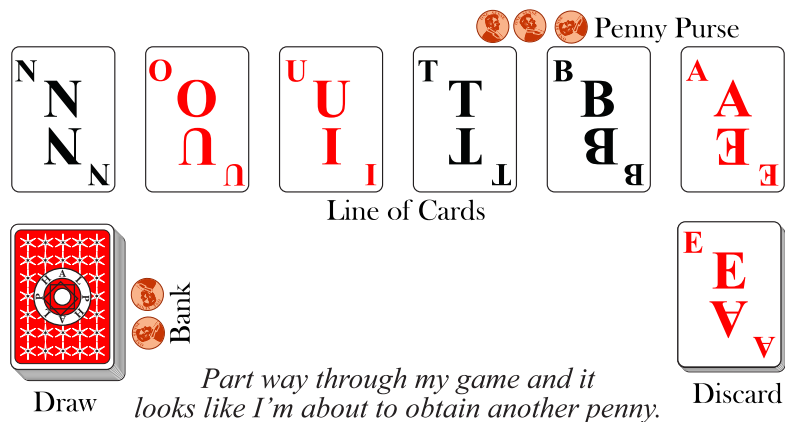
The objective is to get all the cards from the draw pile, into the discard pile, by finding a word with the face up cards currently in the line of cards.

Deal out a line of 6 cards face up and then place the rest of the deck face down, off to the side to be the draw. I usually place the draw on my left below the line of cards. Place 3 of the pennies slightly above the line of cards (this is your penny purse) and the rest next to the draw (this the bank, they love pennies).

Using the line of face up cards, look for a word, and then remove the cards in that word. Place those cards face up into the discard pile. I usually place the discard to my right, below the line of cards. Replace the cards you removed with cards from the draw. Repeat.

Words must be 2 or more letters long (sorry no one letter words), but ...2 or 3 letter words cost you one penny (if you don't have a penny you can't play a short word) , 4 or more letters cost nothing, and if you play all the cards in the line of cards you earn 1 penny. Pennies are paid to the bank from your purse and vice versa. *Note: It's possible to still win if you are penniless, but it's a lot harder.*

The game ends when a word can't be made (possibly because you're penniless) or all of the cards are in the discard pile. And... if all the cards are in the discard pile, you win.



Want to make it harder. Start with less pennies in your penny purse. Try zero if you dare. If you want **to make it easier** start and play with seven cards instead of six. *But you need a 7 letter word to earn a penny*

Cooperative Solitaire

A fun game I played with my young daughters was cooperative solitaire. It was us against the cards, a battle of words. We won as a team or lost as a team. Cooperative solitaire is played just like regular solitaire, except you, and your teammates look for words, and if you spot one you say it out-loud. Once all the possible words are found, then everyone votes on which one of words to play (it must be a unanimous choice). It can take a few votes, but in the end you will stand together to face the consequences ...even though you're more likely sitting. Another fun thing to do is write down the words as you play them, and then create a short story about your journey with those words in it.