

PLAY TO WIN

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21 - Another name for Blackjack

Action - Gaming action as measured by the amount bet over a period of time

Ace - The highest value card in Blackjack and Poker, the one spot on a dice.

Aces & Eights - Known as the Dead Man's hand in poker, the hand held by Wild Bill Hickok when he was shot.

Agent - A Cheats side kick.

Aggregate Limit - The maximum amount paid out in a Keno game, about \$50,000.

Ante - In poker, What a player must bet before the cards are dealt. American Wheel - Roulette wheel with 0 & 00 numbers

Any Craps - A craps bet where you bet that the shooter will roll either a two, three or twelve on the next roll

Any Seven - A craps bet where you bet the shooter will roll a seven on the next roll.

Automatic Shuffler - Machines on Blackjack tables, also some poker tables that shuffle cards providing uninterrupted playing but eliminates the ability to count cards.

Back Line - a craps bet where you bet that the shooter will lose.

Back the Bet - Making a free odds bet at craps

Back in - Poker term meaning entering the betting after first passing or checking to the raiser.

Bank - The person who covers the bets in any game.

Bank Hand - The second of the two hands at the Baccarat Game.

Bar - What casino's may do if you become an Expert player or will do if you cheat.

Barber Pole - When you stack your chips indiscriminately so that values and colours aren't consistent.

Basic Strategy - Mainly a System of playing blackjack that takes advantage of the most favourable rules for the player can also be used to describe favourable playing in other games.

Beat - To win money by cheating.

Beef - No not what you're having for dinner but a dispute over the conduct of any casino game.

Behind The Line - Betting free odds. The bet is placed behind the player's pass line bet.

Bet Against The Dice - A Craps bet that the shooter will lose.

Bet With The Dice - A Craps bet that the shooter will win.

Bet Blind - To bet without looking at your cards.

Bevels - Dice that have been shaved on the corners to favour certain numbers.

Biased Wheels - An imperfection in a roulette wheel that favours certain numbers or section. Not relevant online

Black Action - A player using black, \$100 chips

Black Book - A list of people excluded from a casino.

Blackjack - Used in the game of Blackjack to describe a natural, i.e. an Ace and Ten value card.

Bluff - Attempting to win a hand of poker with an inferior hand.

Book - Confirmation of a bet someone wishes to make

Bonus Poker - A form of Jacks or Better video poker that offers favourable payouts on certain fours-of-a-kind

Bonusing - A technique of rewarding slot machine players with additional random secondary jackpots not related to the actual game play.

Boxcars - In craps a roll of 12 aka Hobo Bet.

Boxman - The supervisor of the craps table who sits in the centre.

Break - In Blackjack to bust i.e. where your cards total over 21.

Break Down a Bet - To separate the various chips in a bet prior to paying to ensure accuracy.

Brushing - Substituting cards or dice in a game

Bull - In poker another name for an Ace .

Burn - When a dealer in Blackjack or Baccarat discards one or more cards from a freshly shuffled deck.

Bust Out Joint - A casino that cheats players.

Buy In - process of buying chips prior to play

C & E - A craps bet that in one roll any craps will be rolled (Two, Three or Twelve)

Cage - Where the cashier sits in the casino

Call - In poker, to match a bet with the same amount or to see

Call Bet - Verbally made bet without money being put on the table.

Caller - A Baccarat term for the dealer who stands on the opposite side of the table from the chip rack and announces the results of the hands aka the Croupier.

Capping a Bet - Adding one or more chips to a winning bet after a decision has been made usually when the dealers attention is diverted aka Past Posting.

Card Counting - a method of playing blackjack where the player keeps track of the cards already dealt in order to gain advantage over the casino with the knowledge of the cards remaining in the deck.

Carousel - A section of slot machines grouped together usually of the same type and sometimes linked to a progressive jackpot.

Case Bet - The last of a player's money risked in one bet.

Casino Host - a casino executive with the job of catering to high rollers.

Casino Manager - The person in charge of the whole casino for all shifts

Catch - In Keno the numbers selected by a player which correspond to the numbers selected by the keno machine and posted on the keno board.

Centrefield - This is the name given to nine in craps and also the centre betting position at a blackjack table with even betting areas.

Change Person - A Slot machine attendant who changes currency for tokens or coins

Chasing - Chasing your losses by Betting more money in an attempt to recoup

Checks - another name for Casino Chips

Check Rack - the chip tray in front of the dealer

Check Racker - In roulette the second dealer who assists the dealer in making payouts and gathering up losing bets

Chop - A game in which the decisions aren't consistent with no one side dominating

Chunk - To bet a large amount of chips at one time, often with no regard for denomination

Clapper - A piece of leather or plastic at the top of the Big Six Wheel that when stopped in a particular slot, signifies the winner.

Clocking - Tracking the results of any casino game

Cocked dice - When dice land so they are leaning against some object and are not flat on the table

Cold - When you endure a long losing streak or a table/deck of cards/dice that keeps beating the players.

Come Out - The first roll at craps that determines the point.

Commission - The house percentage of winning bets at baccarat/pai gow poker or buy in bets at craps.

Comp - short for complimentary these are player rewards for being regular customers or Action players

Counter - A blackjack player using card counting techniques.

Craps - the totals of two, three or twelve, when rolled on the come-out roll, causes the shooter to lose.

Crap Out - Throwing a two three or twelve on the come out roll

Credit Line - The amount the casino is willing to lend you.

Crew - Attendants in charge of a craps or baccarat game.

Crimp - to bend a card at the corner so it becomes recognisable the next time it's dealt.

Croupier - The casino employee who conducts the game specifically in craps or baccarat.

Curator - The baccarat player who is designated to deal the cards.

Cut Card - A yellow card that is inserted into the deck to remind the dealer that the cards need shuffling at this point.

Cut The Deck - To divide the deck before dealing usually done by a player with the cut card.

Day Shift - casino work shift that usually works from 10am - 6pm

Dead Hand - a discarded hand in poker, in blackjack or baccarat a hand that is declared dead due to a dealers mistake.

Dead Table - A game that is staffed by dealers and open for business but has no players.

Deuces - Side of a Dice with two spots or two in a deck of cards

Deuces Wild - A form of video poker in which all the deuces are wild cards

Dice Boat - This is the tray at the craps table that holds the dice.

Discard Rack - the holder for cards that have already been played at a blackjack table.

Dime - A \$100 bet.

Do Bet - any bet at the craps table that favours the shooter over the house same as the right bet.

Don't Bet - opposite of the do bet this is any bet at craps that favours the house over the shooter same as the wrong bet.

Double Down - the act of making a second bet on a player's hand at blackjack equal to, or less than, than the original bet that gives the player only one more card.

Double Exposure Blackjack - A blackjack game in which the dealer turns both of his/her cards up aka See-Thru Blackjack + other names

Double Odds - the option of making free odds twice as much as a player's line bet.

Draw - In video poker to receive new cards, in blackjack or baccarat to call for more cards

Drop - The amount of the total money and markers bet at a gaming table

Drop Box - The area of any gaming table where the cash is deposited.

Dumping - When a dealer is losing consistently and the players are winning a substantial amount of money.

Early Surrender - an option at blackjack where the player could forfeit half his bet even if the dealer had a blackjack.

Easy Way - the numbers four, six, eight and ten made in craps without doubles

Edge - The advantage enjoyed mostly by the casino and sometimes by the players

En Prison - A French option in roulette when a '0' appears, where an even money bet is held over to the next roll rather than lost.

Even Up - a bet that mathematically favours neither side

Even Money - A bet that pays out at 1-1

Exposed Card - a card accidentally turned over during the course of play
eye in the sky - surveillance cameras in a casino.

Face Cards - King, Queen and Jacks in cards also known as picture cards

False Cut - when cards are cut but are left in the same order.

First Base - the seat immediately to the left of the dealers position who is the first to receive cards.

Flat Bet - a bet that is paid off at even money, a player who bets the same amount every wager.

Floater - a roulette ball that gets hung on the wheel slowly revolving without dropping.

Floating Paddle - When the casino takes that much cash the paddle used to push the cash into the drop box won't go all the way down.

Floorman - Casino supervisor.

Fold - in poker to drop out of play

Four Flush - four cards to a flush in poker.

Four of a Kind - four cards of the same value.

Free Odds - a wager on the point in craps that can be made by anybody with a point bet and that is paid at true odds.

French Wheel - a roulette wheel with only one '0'

Freeze Out - To refuse to take bets and force a gambler out of the game.

Front Line - the space on a craps table where players can make a bet that the shooter will make his point the same as the pass line.

Full House - a hand consisting of three cards of the same ranking and a pair. i.e three Aces and Two Kings.

Full Odds - the maximum amount fo free odds allowed at the craps table.

Fun Book - a book of coupons used by casino's to attract customers

Fund - the amount a player brings to the casino to gamble with aka bankroll.

Gaffed - rigged gaming equipment.

Gambling Stake - the amount reserved for gambling see Fund

George - A good tipper

Ghost - a stop on a slot machine reel that is blank

Graveyard Shift - The work shift in a casino that works from 2am to 10am

Greens - \$25 valued chips

Grifter - a scam or con man

Grind - small money bettor, a gambling system that requires a long time to play for small rewards

Grind Joint - Casinos that cater to the small money gamblers

Hard Hand - blackjack term relating to any hand that does not contain an Ace counted as 11

Hard Way - In craps a total of fours, six, eight or ten only using pairs.

Head to Head - To play against the dealer with no other players, aka heads up.

Heat - surveillance by a casino of a suspected card counter or a cheater, also pressure on card counter to leave.

Heel a Bet - putting bets in the same square and off setting chips to reveal the chips underneath. sometimes indicates two separate bets other times used to reveal higher denomination chips under a stack.

High Card - Jack or Better

High Hand - One or two hands in pai gow or pai gow poker

High Roller - a high stakes gambler

Hit - to receive an additional card in blackjack

Hold - the amount of money retained by the casino after all bets are paid

Hold'em - a form of poker

Hole Card - second card of the dealer's hand in which he deals to himself face down.

Hot - a player on a winning streak, also refers to cards, dice or table where players are winning a lot.

House Advantage - mathematical advantage or edge the casino enjoys on every game and bet aka PC

House Odds - the ratio at which a casino pays off a winning bet, these are set by the casino.

House Dealer - a casino employee who's only concern is the casino's bottom line or one who enjoys seeing players lose.

Hustler - a cheat who tries to coax money out of unsuspecting players.

Inside Straight - a hand that can only be made by drawing one card. e.g. drawing a ten to an hand of 7,8,9,J

Insurance - a side wager at blackjack made when the dealer is showing an Ace in which the player bets that the dealer is holding a natural blackjack.

Jackpot - a large payout, either on a table or a machine

Joint - a derogatory term for a casino

Joker's Wild - a form of video poker that uses an extra card (the Joker) as a wild card

Juice - the commission that the house charges on buy bets at craps and winning bank bets in baccarat. AKA Vig or Vigorish, the influence that casino executives pass out to lower ranking employees for promotions or special favours

Junket - a trip arranged and paid for by a casino for a group of special players

Junket Rep - organizer of junkets

keno Board - The electronic sign that indicates the winning keno numbers

Keno Counter - the area where the keno tickets are collected and the winning bets are paid

Keno Runner - An employee who circulates through a casino hotel taking keno bets.

Keno Writer - an employee who works at the keno counter taking bets and paying winners

Kicker - in poker an extra card that is kept with a pair to give the impression that the player has more than simply a pair

Lace - In baccarat a method of mixing the cards after shuffling.

Ladder Man - the casino supervisor who watches a baccarat game from a high chair

Lammers - Plastic buttons that signify the amount of commission owed by players at a baccarat game also identifies the amount of money issued to a player for a marker.

Laying Odds - for the wrong bettor to make an odds bet on a don't come or don't pass bet

Layout - The design imprinted on the table showing the various bets at the games.

Little Joe - when you roll a four in craps, originates from little joe from kokomo

Loose Machine - a slot machine that has been set to return a high percentage of the money played in that machine.

Long Term - refers to the fact that a casino will always win over a period of time and why a player can win short term.

Low Hand - one of the two hands in Pai Gow and Pai Gow Poker.

Low Pair - In poker a pair that can't open the betting in Video poker a non winning pair.

Mark - an individual who has been or might be a target to be cheated.

Marker - a cheque the player fills out before receiving casino credit at a table, basically an IOU

Match Play - a casino promotion where the player receives a coupon or non-redeemable chip that can be bet with real money, If it wins it's paid out with real chips.

Mini Baccarat - A smaller version of the big baccarat game played for lower stakes.

Money Plays - an expression used in Nevada when the player doesn't want the dealer to exchange his money for chips. A winning bet will be paid in chips.

Money Wheel - another name for the Big Six Wheel

Money Management - the system that a player uses to conserve his funds.

Monkey - Ten or Face Card

Monster Roll - where a craps player achieves the ultimate over a period of time to roll many numbers and gain lots of points.

Mucker - a cheater who uses sleight of hand tricks, also second dealer at a roulette table.

Multiple Coin Machine - slot and video poker machines that require more than one coin.

Multiple Deck Games - Blackjack games using more than one deck of cards

Multiple Hands - to play more than one hand at blackjack.

Nail - to catch someone cheating.

Natural - a perfect hand, at blackjack, an Ace & Ten value card, at Baccarat a total of eight or nine in the first two cards. At craps a seven or eleven on the come out roll.

Negative Progression - any betting system where you increase your bets after a loss

Nickel - a \$5 chip or a \$500 sports bet.

No Action - a term used by a dealer to indicate that the casino will not take a particular bet or that roll doesn't count.

Nut - the amount of money a casino needs to make a profit, the amount of money a player needs to accomplish his goals.

Off - to remove a bet at craps for one or more rolls, it means no decision can be made on those bets. Only place and odds bets can be called 'off'

On - a craps call that your bets are working for the next roll.

One Armed Bandits - a term given to slot machines

One Roll Bets - any bet decided by the very next roll.

On The Square - a fair and honest game.

Open -to make the first bet at poker

Openers - cards that qualify a player to open in poker

Paddle - The device used to push money into the drop box

Paint - a face card

Pair - two cards of the same value

Palm - to conceal money or chips in your palm

Parlay - to double a bet after a win

Pass - a win by the shooter at craps, either by rolling a seven or eleven on the come out roll or making the point before rolling a seven

Pat Hand - any hand in a card game that requires no additional cards
Pay Line - the line upon which the payouts depend at a slot machine
Pay The Board - when a decision is made to pay all the players at a table, usually after a dispute.
Penetration - the depth of a dealer goes into a deck before reshuffling at blackjack
Penny Ante - a small stakes game.
Pit - an area containing a number of gaming tables
Pit Boss - The executive in charge of the pit
Player Hand - first of the two hands dealt at baccarat
Plus Minus System - the most basic form of blackjack card counting systems
Point - the total four, five, six, eight, nine or ten rolled on the come out roll in craps, the shooter must make this number a second time before rolling a seven to win
Pot - the total amount of money at stake on a hand
Pot Limit - the betting limit is limited to the size of the pot
Power of the Pen - a casino executive with the authority to grant complimentary has this power.
Premium Player - politically correct way to refer to a high roller
Press - to increase the size of a wager after it has won once
Price - the house advantage on a given bet
Producer - a player who loses heavily and consistently
Progressive Jackpot - the grand prize offered on certain kinds of linked slots, it will keep on growing until won.
Progressive Slots - a group of slots with no set maximum jackpot that grows each time a player makes a bet.
Proposition Bet - bets in the centre of the craps layout, any bet that carries a high house advantage and is a true long shot.
Push - a tie

Quarters - Green \$25 chips

Rail - the high padded walls on the craps table, also the wall or railing surrounding a baccarat pit
Rail Bird - a thief who sneaks chips from in front of players on the craps table
Raise - to increase the amount of a previous bet at poker
Rake - the commission a poker room charges on each pot in a poker game
Rating - the evaluation of a players gambling action
Rating Card - the device used to rate players
Reds - \$5 casino chips
Reels - One of the loops inside the slot machine that spins round
Reel Strips - the series of symbols wrapped around a cylinder inside a slot machine that designate a winner
Reel Window - The glass display through which the players view the reels
Respin - When the clapper on the Big Six Wheel gets hung up and doesn't land clearly on one number
RFB - players privileges that allow them to claim room food and beverages
Rich Deck - when the remaining cards in the deck are favourable to the player in a blackjack game
Roll The Bones - shoot the dice
Royal Flush - the best possible hand in poker it comprised ten, jack, queen, king ace all of the same suit.
Run the Shoe - when a baccarat player maintains control of the shoe by winning a series of banker bets until all the cards have been dealt
Ruin - losing all your money
Rush - a quick winning streak

Scared Money - money a player can't afford to lose
Second Screen - when a slot machine player reaches the bonus round of slot play and has a chance to add to an initial jackpot
Section Shooter - a roulette dealer who tries to hit certain areas of the wheel
Section Slicing - dividing a roulette wheel into sections to discover if any section is hitting more than others
Send It In - Make a large bet

Seven Out - when a shooter at craps loses by rolling a seven before repeating his point
Shaker - the container holding the dice at pai gow sic bo or pai gow poker.
Shield - the glass around the roulette wheel that prevents punters from touching the wheel
Shift Boss - the casino executive in charge of a designated shift
Shill - a casino employee who poses as a player in order to get more players involved at a dead or slow table
Shoe - the box that holds the cards in various games
Shoot - to roll the dice
Shooter - the person who rolls the dice
Short Odds - receiving less than the true payout of the bet
Short Term - the theory that since the casino has an advantage over the long term, the player can win in the short term
Showdown - in poker the final betting followed by the comparison of the remaining players hands.
Shuffle Up - a tactic aimed at card counters the dealer will shuffle sometimes after every hand
Side Bet - a second bet in addition to the primary bet on a proposition at a table game
Side Pot - a group of bets at poker in addition to the main pot
Single Deck Blackjack - a blackjack game that uses only one deck
Sleeper - a bet at the craps table that the player has forgotten about or even left the table without collecting
Slot Floor - the area of the casino where the slot machines are located
Slot Mix - the designation of the mixture of loose and tight machines, different denominations and slot versus video gaming machines
Slug - a group of cards inserted into a blackjack deck in an order already known to a dishonest player. also a piece of round metal that when inserted into a slot machine imitates a card
Snake Eyes - the total of two on the craps table
Snapper - slang for a natural blackjack
Soft Hand - a blackjack hand in which an ace is counted as one
Split - to divide one hand with two identical cards into two hands at the blackjack table
Spooking - the skill of discovering the dealers hole card in blackjack, a spook is a player who gets that information and passes it on to his fellow players
Spread - the difference between the minimum and maximum bets of a player
Stack - a group of 20 chips especially with special roulette chips
Stacked Deck - a deck whose cards have been prearranged
Stand - to decline any additional cards at the blackjack table
Steaming - a gambler playing recklessly in order to recoup his losses
Stick - the device used at craps table to move the dice around the table
Stickman - the dealer who announces the rolls at the craps table and passes the dice to the shooter
Stiff - a blackjack hand that might break if you take a hit, but isn't good enough to be a pat hand. A player who doesn't tip the cocktail waitress or dealer
Stops - the number of points where a slot machine reel might become motionless.
Straight - five cards in sequence
Straight Flush - five cards in sequence in suit
Straight Slots - slot machines that have payouts that are fixed and unchanging
Stuck - to lose or to be losing money to the house
Surrender - an option at blackjack where the player can give up half his bet before drawing any cards
Sweat - a casino exec or player who worries about losing
Swing Shift - a casino work shift that runs from 6pm to 2am
System - a way to gamble that will help the gambler to succeed

Take Down - to recall a bet before a decision is made
Taking Odds - taking free odds behind the pass line or a come bet
Take - a tip or gratuity
Take Hustler - a dealer, waiter or waitress who aggressively encourages players to tip
Tapped Out - losing all your money
Tell - an unconscious signal that a blackjack dealer communicates to players about the value of his/her hole

card. In poker an inadvertent signal that lets other players know what the strength of your hand is.

Three of a Kind - a hand that has three cards of the same value

Three Flush - three cards to a flush

Third Base - the position farthest to the right of the dealer, the last player to act on his hand before the dealer

Tight Machine - a slot machine that returns a low percentage of the money played on that machine

Tom - casino slang for a poor tipper

Triple Odds - free odds of three times the amount of the player's pass line or come bets

Triple Play Video Poker - a video poker game that allows a player to bet on three hands on one screen, comes in versions of upto 100 hands on one screen

True Odds - the actual likelihood of any event happening

Two Pair - a hand consisting of two separate pairs

Underground Joint - an illegal casino

Up Card - the first card of a blackjack dealer's hand

Video Keno - an electronic slot machine that mimics a live keno game, a keno card appears on the screen and the player picks ten numbers. The machines random number generator then picks 20 numbers.

Vic - casino slang for sucker or victim

Video Blackjack - an electronic slot machine that plays a game similar to live poker, but with significant differences

Video Slots - an electronic slot machine that is identical to 'reel' slot machines, except that the screen reproduces the reels

Video Poker - an electronic slot machine that plays a game similar to live poker but with significant differences

Vig or Vigorish - the five per cent commission that the casino charges for various casino bets the same as juice

Wager - another term for bet

Wash - a situation where one bet cancels out another also when dealers spread the cards out on the table prior to shuffling and mixing them face down, sometimes called a pizza

Welch - failing to pay a debt

Wheel Chips - special chips used only at a roulette table

Wheel Head - part of the roulette wheel that rotates

Wheel - casino term for roulette

Whip Shot - a controlled roll of the dice where the dice land flat and do not spin leaving the desired faces up

Wild Card - a card that can be used for any other in a card game

Wired - a hand consisting of a pair with one card face up and one card in the hole

Worst of It - being at a disadvantage

Working - any bet that is in action but remains undecided

Wrong Bet - any bet at craps that favours the house over the shooter, the same as don't bet

Yard - a \$100 note