


The Guide book of Bôsama- Mekuri


* 4 types of cards

a man




A

a princess




B

a priest



C

Daitsuki
an emperor or a family



D

Bosama means a preist and
Mekuri means to turn over a card.

The imperial family sit on
tatami mat with colorful edge

* The meaning of the cards

- A. a man : Otoko or Otokono hito in Japanese
a court noble or a waka poet
 - B. a princess : Hime or Himesama in Japanese
a princess, a court lady or a waka poet
 - C. a priest : Bôsama in Japanese
a monk or a Buddhist priest
 - D. an emperor or an imperial family : Dai-tsuki in Japanese
Only the imperial family sit on the tatami mat with colorful edge.
- * Dai means a pedestal, tsuki means sitting on ~ .

* How to start the game ?

- ①First shuffle the cards, make three stacks of cards and place them on the table upside down shown in the picture below.
- ②Choose who will go first.



* How to collect the cards ?

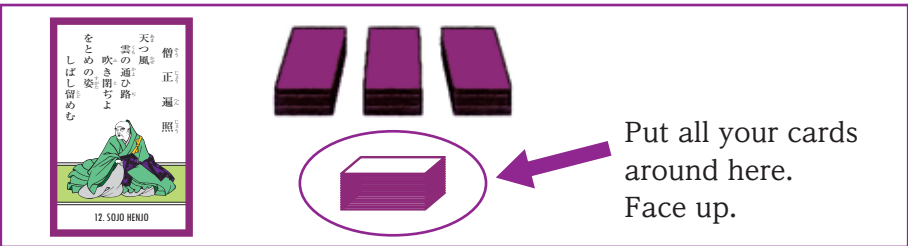
- ③The first person will turn over a card from the top of either stack.
- A. If the card is a picture of a man, you keep the card on the table.



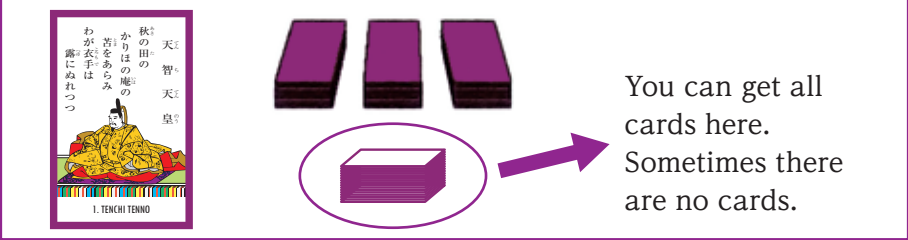
- B. If the card is a princess, you can turn over another card from any stack of cards.



- C. If the card is a priest, you have to discard all your cards to the center of the table, near the three original stacks face up.

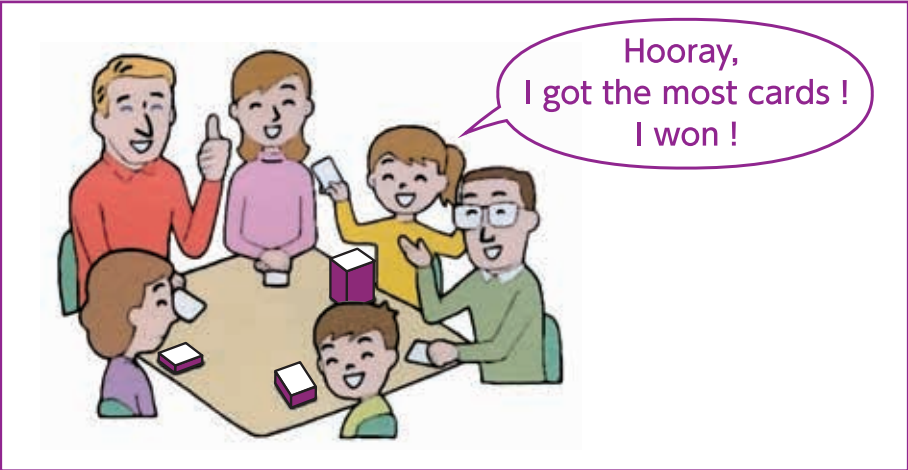


- D. If the card is an emperor or an imperial family,



- ④The next person will continue the game like this until the last card is turn over.

* Finally the person who gets the most number of cards is the winner!



《Points》

- *Bôsama- Mekuri is one of the traditional card games in Japan.
- *Each picture shows the famous waka poem and the poet who lived about 1,000 years ago.
- *The number of the card shows the poet's number and Romaji shows the name of the poet in "Ogura Hyakunin Isshu".
- *You can find the meaning of the poem and the poet in many books or search on the Internet with the word "Ogura Hyakunin Isshu"
- *This game will be very useful to introduce Japanese culture to foreigners.
- *You can also see how this game is played on You Tube or the H.P.
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