

**Game:** Spoons

**Type of Game:** Quiet, Indoor Game, with outbursts of Noise!

**Supplies:**

Deck of Cards

A spoon for every player (except one)

**Rules:**

This is an elimination game

Spoons are set down inside the circle the players are seated in

There is one less spoon than there are players for that hand

Cards are shuffled and each player is dealt 4 cards

Players each look at their own hand and group numbers together

- The goal of the cards is to get four of the same number/face

The dealer looks through the rest of the deck, one card at a time

The dealer can pass a card (face down) to the player on the left, or replace a card in their hand

If the dealer replaces a card, they pass the replaced card to the left

The dealer keeps looking through the deck until he or someone else has 4 matching cards

(i.e. four Kings, four 7's, etc.)

When **any player** has four matching cards, they grab a spoon

Once a spoon is taken, all other players take a spoon as quickly as possible

(It is not necessary for you to have 4 matching cards in order for you to take a spoon, if one has already been taken by another player)

One player will be left without a spoon and will earn a letter

Once a player loses six (6) hands they will have earned S-P-O-O-N-S and are eliminated

If two players take hold of one spoon, the spoon is awarded to the player who holds the scoop

**Notes:**

This game can be played sitting on the ground or at a table

If you are the first one with 4 matching cards, you do not have to be obvious about picking up your spoon. See if you can keep the game going for a while.

**Adaptations:**

Ultimate Spoons is played by putting the spoons in another location and running to them

Players can take turns hiding the pile of spoons

NOTE: I have seen this game played as "Full Contact Spoons" where the first person grabs a spoon and sweeps all the spoons off the table on to the floor, causing a "pile up" of folks trying to get to them. I don't recommend actually playing this version, however, it is an amazing thing to sit and watch it played by others. Keep Band-Aids available. –Sharon