

Bad, Bad One Hundred

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This card game, based on the game Twenty-One, was designed by Anthony Johnson while he was an undergraduate elementary education major at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. It provides practice with adding upper decade facts.

Rules and Play:

1. For two to four players and using one or two regular decks of cards with the tens and face cards removed from the deck.
2. The dealer shuffles the deck and any player cuts the deck. Two cards are dealt (1 down and 1 up) to each player. The cards have the numerical value presented on the cards with the ace equaling one, except each player secretly chooses one card to represent its face value times 10. This is his tens card.
3. The object of the game is to have two or more cards total 99 or as close to 99 as possible without exceeding 99. After the first two cards are dealt, each player may either pass or be dealt, face up, an additional card. A player may continue to receive additional cards as long as his total is less than 99 or he has not previously passed. If a player has a hand with a total of more than 99, he may be able to stay in the game by changing his tens cards so that his new total is less than 100. After everyone has passed, each player identifies his tens card and then his total so that the player with the largest total less than 100 can be declared the winner.
4. The winner of a round scores 10 points. In case of a tie, each person scores 5 points.
5. At the conclusion of each round, the cards are reassembled in a pack and the deal passes clockwise around the table. The winner of the game is the first person to score 100.

Sample Game:

	Player 1	Player 2
Original Deal	9 3 9 is selected to be the tens card. Total is 93.	8 7 8 is selected to be the tens card. Total is 87.
Next Deal	8 Total is 101. He's over, so he changes the tens card to 8. New total is 92.	6 Total is 93.
Next Deal	6 Total is 98.	7 Total is 100. He's over, so he changes his tens card to 7. New total is 91.
Next Deal	PASS	5 Total is 96.
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Player 1 wins with a total of 98.		