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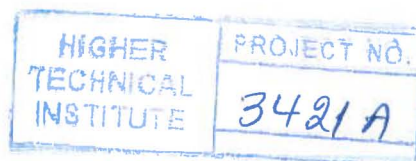
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# INTRODUCTION



## HISTORY OF DOMINO GAME

Dominoes are small tiles traditionally carved from ivory or bone with small, round pips of inset ebony. The name for these tiles may derive from this black on white look.

'Domino' is a French word and was named after a Christian priest's winter hood, which was black on the outside and white on the inside.

The oldest domino sets date from around 1120 A.D. Dominoes, as most of the Western world knows them, however appear to be a *Chinese* invention. They were apparently derived from cubic dice, which had been introduced into China from India some time in the distant past. Each domino originally represented one of the twenty-one results of throwing two dice. One half of the tile is set with the pips from one die and the other half contains the pips from the second die.

Over time Dominoes evolved into the tile set used for Mahjong game played in the United States in the 1920s. Also, American Eskimos play a game very similar to Domino.

Some time in the early 18th century dominoes made their way to Europe, making their first appearance in Italy. The game changed somewhat in the translation from Chinese to European culture. European sets contain seven additional dominoes with six of these representing the values that result from throwing a single die with the other half of the tile left blank and there is also a seventh tile with both halves left blank.

Many of the games we associate with dominoes are quite modern.

Dominoes seem to be one of the oldest games in the world!

## INTRODUCTION OF DOMINO GAME

Domino is a table game played by "*bones*". 2-4 players usually play the classical Domino. The game lasts about 5-10 minutes, according to how fast the first player goes domino (plays his last tile). At the beginning of the game all the *bones* are placed on the "*bone yard*", face down and shuffled.

Each player picks up 5 *bones* from the *bone yard* and places them in front of him/her, so that the other players cannot see what he/she holds. All the other *bones* stay in the *bone yard* to be used later in the game.

Each *bone* is separated into two parts. Each part has a number of dots from none to 6.

The player who holds the greater *double-bone* is the first to play. All the other players must put, one by one, a matching *bone* next to the *bones*, which are at the edges.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE DOMINO GAME

The objective of the DOMINO game is to put down all your *bones* first or come first to a score of 100 points. Winner is the player that has no *bones* in his/her hands first!