

Dreidle Game



The four letters which appear on the four corners of a dreidel are Nun, Gimmel, Hay, and Shin. This is an acronym for "A Miracle Happened There" (Israel). In Israel the letters are Nun, Gimmel, Hay, and Pay. This is an acronym for "A Miracle Happened Here".



Usually the stakes for the game are chocolate gold coins, called "gelt." But they could be just about anything - pennies, peanuts, raisins, etc. Each player puts one coin in the "pot." Then the players take turns spinning the dreidel. The letter that the dreidel stops on determines your score:

- Nun means you neither win nor lose
- Gimmel means you take the whole pot
- Hay means you take half the pot
- Shin or • Pay means you must put a coin in the pot

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