

“Volo-Nolo”

A game of simple sentences

For 2-4 players

Playing time: 10-15 minutes per game

You will need:

- copies of the pattern pages printed onto card stock
- scissors

Set up:

Cut apart the cards.

How to play:

The object of the game is to get rid of your cards by forming Latin sentences made of three cards: a Volo/Nolo card, an “action” card, and a prepositional phrase card. You may use the words/phrases at either end of the card. “Volo” means “I want to” and “nolo” means “I don’t want to.” (“Nolo” is a contraction of “non volo.”) The sentences you make certainly don’t have to make sense. You can use silly sentences like, “I want to sing in the garden” or “I don’t want to annoy the bear in the swimming pool.”

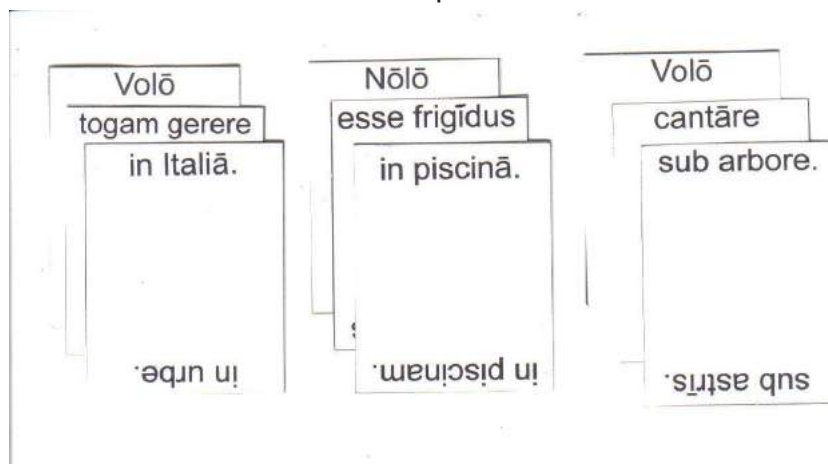
Shuffle the cards and deal 5 cards to each player. Put the rest in a draw pile, face down.

All sentences must start with either Volo or Nolo. The only card the first player can play is a Volo/Nolo. If he does not have one, he draws a card from the draw pile, then play passes to the second player. (If the first player happens to draw a Volo/Nolo he can immediately lay it down.) If the second player doesn’t have a Volo/Nolo he draws a card and play passes to the next player. If no player has a Volo/Nolo, begin drawing cards off the draw pile until one turns up. Lay it face up, and continue with the game.

On a player’s turn he must either lay a card down or draw one. The “action” cards must be laid down right under the Volo/Nolo cards, and the prepositional phrase cards must be laid down last, under the “action” cards. They must be in this order. If a player cannot play any of his cards, he must take one from the draw pile.

The winner is the first player to put down all the cards in his hand.

Examples:



NOTE: The accent marks have been omitted here, just because they take a lot of time to put in, and I don't have the time. The accents appear on the cards, so you can write them in on this sheet if you want to.

Volo	I want	Trans viam	across the road
Nolo	I don't want	Trans fluvium	across the river
Ambulare	to walk	In silva	in the woods
Cantare	to sing	Per ianuam	through the door
Explorare	to explore	In Italia	in Italy
Errare	to wander	In urbe	in the city
Cogitare	to think	Per agros	through the fields
Pugnare	to fight	Cum laude	with honors
Cenare	to eat	In itinere	on a journey
Habitare	to live	Sub arboribus	under the trees
Navigare	to sail	Sub arbore	under the tree
Laborare	to work	Sub astris	under the stars
Ursam vexare	to annoy a bear	In horto	in the garden
Epistula scribere	to write a letter	In hortum	into the garden
Epistulas iacere	to throw a letter	In piscinum	into the pool
Saxum iacere	to throw a rock	In piscina	in the pool
Inimicum necare	to kill my enemy	Sub ramis	under the branch
Esse nudus	to be bare	Ad ianuam	at the door
Esse frigidus	to be cold	Ex arbore	out of the tree
Esse iratus	to be angry	In vineas	in the vineyard
Esse semisominus	to be half-asleep		
Esse caecus	to be blind		
Amicum accusare	to accuse my friends		
Esse molestus	to be annoying		
Pulvum flare	to blow dust		
Iocum narrare	to tell a joke		
Praemium excipere	to receive a reward		
Togum gerere	to wear a toga		
Ridere	to laugh		
Canum vocare	to call the dog		
Esse fatuus	to be stupid		
Fabulum narrare	to tell a story		
Canum cavere	to beware of the dog		
Circa casa	around the house		
Prope reginam	next to the queen		
E fenestra	out the window		
Prae ludo	in front of the school		
In fossa	in the ditch		
Sub mensa	under the table		
In villa	in the house		
In villam	into the house		
Prope rivum	near the river		
In agros	in the fields		
Sine amicis	without friends		
Cum amicis	with friends		

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cantāre	ambulāre	explōrāre	errāre
cogītāre	pugnāre	cēnāre	habitāre
navigāre	ursam vexāre	epistulās scrībere	inimīcum necāre
labōrāre	dominam vexāre	iacere epistulās	saxum iacere
esse nūdus	esse īrātus	esse caecus	esse molestus
esse frigidus	esse sēmisonnus	amicum accūsāre	pulvum flāre
iocum nārrāre	togam gerere	esse fatuus	fābulam nārrāre
praemium excipere	ridere	canum vocare	canum cavere

sub arbore.	circa casā.	ē fenestrā.	in fossā.
sub astris.	propē reginam.	prae Iudō.	sub mēnsā.
in villā.	prope rīvum.	sine amīcīs.	trāns viam.
in villam.	in agrōs.	cum amīcīs.	trāns fluvium.
in silvā.	in urbe.	per agrōs.	in itinere.
per iānuam.	in Italia.	cum laude.	sub arboribus.
in hortō.	in piscinam.	sub rāmīs.	ex arbore.
in hortum.	in piscinā.	ad iānuam.	in vineās.