



W A G A R A  
K A R U T A

With Wagara-karuta, you can learn traditional Japanese patterns while playing cards. When not playing, you can use it as an interior decoration by displaying it in the case. Play, learn, and display Wagara-karuta!

*Karuta* is a kind of card game consisting of a pair of decks including *torifuda* (cards for taking), on which pictures or graphics are drawn, and *yomifuda* (cards for reading), which describe the *torifuda* in writing. *Karuta* has been traditionally enjoyed by Japanese people as recreation during New Year's holidays.

# HOW TO PLAY

Number of players:  
Three or more

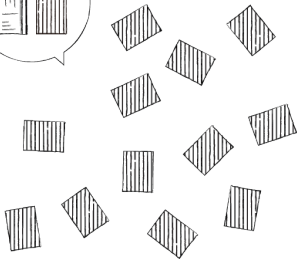
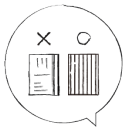
Reader  
(one person)

Takers  
(two persons or more)



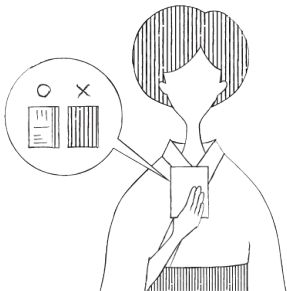
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Spread out the *torifuda* cards  
on the floor  
so that players can see them clearly.



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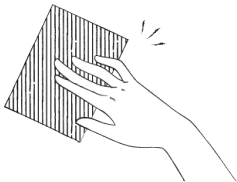
The reader reads out the *yomifuda* cards one at a time. When doing this, the reader needs to be careful not to allow the players to see what is on the card.



3

Players listen to the reading of the *yomifuda* cards, and take the matching *torifuda* card once they find it.

If you take the wrong card, known as *otetsuki*, you will lose your turn.



4 Do this  
until  
all the cards  
are taken.

5 The person  
who has  
the most  
*torifuda* cards  
at the end  
of the game  
is the winner.

