

# 336 playing cards 1 box & 1 booklet



## What you need to know:

Every country has 28 cards

Twelve different languages

A flag of a specific country is on the illustration side

### Participating Douzelage towns and their countries:



Bulgaria  
Tryavna



Czech Republic  
Sušice



Germany  
Bad Kötzting



France  
Granville



Hungary  
Kőszeg



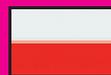
Italy  
Bellagio



Malta  
Marsaskala



the Netherlands  
Meerssen



Poland  
Chojna



Sweden  
Oxelösund



Slovakia  
Zvolen



United Kingdom  
Sherborne

### The 28 nouns:

dog

cat

fish

owl

butterfly

flower

boy

girl

queen

fireman

angel

flute

guitar

soccer (the game)

rowing boat

water ski

sled

christmas tree

easter eggs

house

chair

toilet

computer

cell phone

pie

french fries

mountain

globe (world)

Douzelage Meerssen chose to put all nouns without article: 'der Hund' is 'Hund' or 'la maison' is 'maison'. Also all nouns are put in undercast, so 'Christmas' is written as 'christmas'. This decision implicates that some nouns are done wrong in some languages.

Bulgaria has Cyrillic letters: a translation in latin letters is given on the cards.

It takes it too far to add a fonetic list of how to pronounce words in different languages. Hopefully a visit to one of the towns will learn how to pronounce the words...

## **How to play the game:**

**The cards can be sorted in different ways,  
for example:**

- by language
- by noun (e.g. 12x dog)
- by group (e.g. animals)

**The cards can be placed illustration up:**

- children are invited to guess the corresponding word in the language of the corresponding flag

**Or cards can be placed text up:**

- children are invited to guess the meaning of the word in their own or the given language

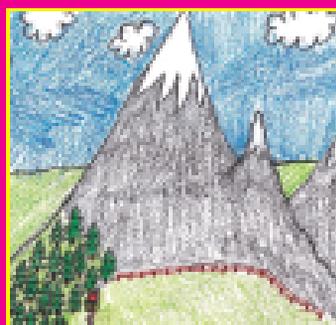
**Any combination of the above can be played  
and/or new combinations and options  
can be found**

## The idea:

Within our Douzelage we have the opportunity to meet people from all EU countries, to get to know them, learn from each other and undertake activities with each other. The only group too young to take advantage of this unique town twinning experience are the children in primary schools.

Therefore Douzelage Meerssen has initiated this project in order to get these young children familiar with our EU, our Douzelage and last but not least with children their own age but living far away in other EU countries, having probably more or less the same interests, hobbies, but are communicating in different languages.

This game will stimulate them to learn a few words in different European languages.



## The making of:

Twelve Douzelage towns agreed to participate in this project. Primary school teachers were asked to let their pupils write letters to imaginary pupils in other towns abroad. The teachers then underlined the nouns which were frequently used by their pupils in their letters. Fifty nouns per town were sent to us in Meerssen. Meerssen then made a selection and sent the final 28 nouns back to the participating towns in order to make illustrations of each of the 28 nouns.

We therefore received 28x12 illustrations, adding to 336! All illustrations were scanned and transformed to the final lay-out of the cards as seen before you.