

Video Worksheet:

Around the card table

Before watching the video

What are your thoughts about card games?

Synopsis: *A family card game of poker highlights some intergenerational patterns of gambling. A young girl uses birthday money to stay in the game, prompting the tagline, “Where is Gambling taking you?” When another girl runs out of chips, Grandma initially offers her a loan in exchange for chores. Another tagline “a better choice” appears and Grandma then decides it’s time to stop the game and know your limits. She suggests some food and a yarn instead*

Watch the video.

What moments in the video stood out for you?



Did you know?

Playing card games with family and friends can be fun, social and an important way to connect with the community. It can be an important time to share news and seek advice. Many families use card games to share knowledge and connection with the younger generation. However, playing for high amounts of money or playing beyond the means of all players can cause problems for families and young people. The behaviour modelled by adults around the card table can set up young people for positive or harmful ways of engaging with gambling.

Play, Pause, Consider

Pause the video at this point and consider the following questions:



What do you think is going through Aunty's mind?

What do you think is going through the young girl's mind?

What does Aunty choose to do?

How does this choice impact her family?

What might be the consequences for her?

At the conclusion of the video after the better choice has played out, consider the following questions:

What strategy does Aunty use to stop gambling?

How may this choice impact her family?

Do you think this is an effective strategy?

Have you used this strategy before?

Strategy for safer gambling

Knowing your limits and leading by example is one of the most important strategies you can use to influence those around you. When gambling is normalised in a family and children grow up seeing it as a rite of passage they may not learn how to effectively manage money.

What other strategies would work for you?

Tips for safer gambling



Set limits with your time



Talk with your gambling support person



Understand the risk - the house always wins



Gamble with a clear mind, not when you are upset or stressed



Don't try to win back what you have lost



Set limits with your money



Maintain balance in life - spend time in culture, do activities that you enjoy.



Don't depend on good luck strategies

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