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A Texas hold'em match in progress. Hold'em is a popular form of poker in the USA. Poker is a 7, £ game which people play with a normal set (or deck) of 52 cards. Poker is a gambling game which involves 7, £ some luck, but also some skill.

In poker, players make bets against each other depending on the value of their poker hand. Bets are usually made with plastic or ceramic discs called chips. Bets may also be made with coins or cash, but chips are more often used because they are easier to handle and count. At the end of the game, players may swap their chips for money. If the players are not playing for real money, the chips are counted at the end of the game to determine the order of winners. There are many different kinds of poker. In draw poker, each player is dealt five cards. A player can decide to throw away a number of these cards and then take (draw) new cards to replace them. In stud poker (for example, Tj T* BT /F1 12 Tf 50 352 Td ('seven

the other players can see them. In community card poker (for exam) Tj T* B

players share some of their cards in the center of the table.[1]

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The history of poker

is a matter of some debate. The name of the game likely descended

from the French

poque, which descended from the German pochen ('to knock') Tj

the origins of poker itself lie with the games bearing those name

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resembles the Persian game of as nas, and may have been taught to Fren

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New Orleans by Persian sailors. It is commonly regarded as sharin

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Renaissance game of primero and the French brelan. The English ga

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