

Loop Slap

2–5 PLAYERS · AGES ~10–14 + PARENTS · ~15 MIN

Slap SENSE, THINK, ACT, or POWER. Shout BOT! Take the Chaos hit. Cards stay on the table — you never hold a hand.

Win: first player to 12 points.

Setup

- 1 Put the 4 Bot Builder **CATEGORY** cards in the middle as bases: SENSE · THINK · ACT · POWER.
- 2 Make four face-down piles: **WHO** (15) · **WHAT** (15) · **LOOP** (16 item cards) · **CHAOS** (8 tagged cards).
- 3 Flip 1 WHO + 1 WHAT. Leave them face up. That pair is the **brief** (who the bot helps + what it does).
- 4 Pick a **Reader** (rotates each LOOP card). Everyone else slaps. Nobody holds cards.

1. Slap the loop

Reader draws the top LOOP card **toward themselves** (don't flash the table). Cover the big item name with a thumb. Read only the **Hint** out loud. Everyone else slaps one base: SENSE, THINK, ACT, or POWER.

Correct first slap → keep that card in front of you on that base (+1). Ignore the blank “Category Match” line — that is for a different game. **Wrong slap** → sit out the next LOOP flip.

Then reveal the name. Dispute? Check page 2 (keep it face-down until then). Tie on the slap? Reader picks who was clearly first — or both score and share the card's point.

2. BOT!

When you have at least one **SENSE + THINK + ACT** card in front of you, slap the table and shout **BOT!** Say this in one breath (fill in your cards):

“For [WHO], our bot [WHAT]. If it [SENSE hint], then it [ACT hint] — it thinks with [THINK].”

Optional POWER: tap your POWER card and add “powered by [POWER].”

Check: you have the three cards + you said the sentence. Do not argue whether the bot “fits” the brief — any WHO + WHAT is legal. Score +3. Then put the cards you used (SENSE + THINK + ACT, and POWER if you tapped it) on the bottom of the LOOP pile — points stay; collect fresh cards to BOT again. Flip a new WHO + WHAT.

3. Chaos interrupt

Right after a BOT, flip the top CHAOS card into the middle. Read the giant tag: **WEIRD · EDGE · TRUST**. Everyone races to **slap that Chaos card** and shout the tag.

First correct slap → +2 (+4 if you have the fewest points). Then the Reader reads the Ask out loud. No veto, no extra points — just hear it. Empty Chaos pile? Shuffle the used ones back in.

Score · first to 12

Slap

LOOP CARD

+1. Keep the card on your base.

BOT!

CLOSE THE LOOP

+3. Return used cards. New brief. Then Chaos.

Chaos

TAG SLAP

+2 — or +4 if you have the fewest.

Answer key · variants · playtest

Keep this page face-down during slap rounds. Flip only to settle a LOOP dispute.

LOOP answer key

ITEM	MATCH
LiDAR Turret	SENSE
Ultrasonic Bumper	SENSE
Digital Thermometer	SENSE
HD Camera Lens	SENSE
Microprocessor (CPU)	THINK
Motherboard	THINK
"IF/THEN" Code Script	THINK
Neural Network Model	THINK
DC Motor	ACT
Hydraulic Arm	ACT
Audio Speaker	ACT
LED Display Screen	ACT
Lithium-Ion Battery	POWER
Solar Panel	POWER
120V Wall Outlet Cord	POWER
Hydrogen Fuel Cell	POWER

CHAOS 8 (from 13b)

TAG	CARD
WEIRD	C-01 · "I don't know" to every question
WEIRD	C-07 · Different language, or only emojis
EDGE	C-08 · All choices equally good
EDGE	C-09 · All options equally bad
EDGE	C-13 · Could hurt someone
TRUST	C-15 · Bot feels bossy or pushy
TRUST	C-16 · Friend got different advice
TRUST	C-17 · "Why did you choose that?"

Missing 13b? Pull any 8 CHAOS from the full 04 deck, mark W / E / T stickies, Reader announces the tag before the slap. Leave C-04 (divorce) out.

Ways to play it

Two players

Same rules. Reader still rotates. Quieter table — still checkable. First to 10.

Solo / speed

Sort all 16 LOOP cards against the clock, then check the answer key. Beat your own time.

House chant (optional)

Chant SENSE · THINK · ACT · POWER, one word per flip. Slap only if the hint matches the word just said. Same answer key.

Table tips (keep the game fair)

LOOP cards leak the answer

The item name is huge on purpose (sorting game). For Loop Slap, Reader must cover it. After playtest, a hint-first reprint can drop this habit.

No extra WEIRD / EDGE / TRUST bases

Slap the Chaos card itself. Category bases are only for LOOP. Do not print extra tag tiles.

Playtest checklist

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| ☐ Seconds to first slap (target <15s) | ☐ Did a parent jump in as Chaos agent? |
| ☐ Wrong-slap rate (guessing vs reading) | ☐ BOT sentence felt like play, not class |
| ☐ Did anyone shout BOT without prompting? | ☐ Any hint too long to read aloud? |
| ☐ Did kids demand a second game? | ☐ 2p / 3p / 4p / 5p table size |

Hi, Bot · hibot.space/games — prototype rules. If first-fun or replay fail in the room, shorten hints. Do not bring back held hands or judged "fit."