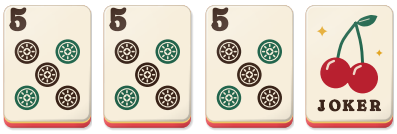
When can I use a joker?

Think matching groups of three or more. Singles and pairs always need natural tiles.

YES · A KONG



One tile, same job.

Here the joker stands for a fourth 5 dot. It can help in a pung, kong, quint or sextet.

NO · A PAIR



Two means natural.

A joker cannot complete a pair or replace a single, even when that tile would give you mahjong.

01 **Read the group, not the spacing.**
NEWS and a year are separate tiles. Sitting together on the card does not make them a kong.

02 **Keep jokers out of every pass.**
No jokers in the Charleston or courtesy pass. A discarded joker cannot be called.

03 **Exchange on your turn.**
On your turn, after drawing or completing a legal exposure call, trade a matching natural tile for an exposed joker before discarding. A valid exchange cannot be refused.
Complete the called exposure first. A redeemed joker cannot be added to the exposure just called. Do not draw again after a call.

Give a joker a job
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Group examples only. Your complete winning hand must match your own NMJL card.