

# Monopoly Strategy Tips

Some tips to beat Uncle Joe next Thanksgiving (or to win your first tournament game!)

- i. **Keep the goal in mind: winning by investing toward bankrupting your opponents.**
- ii. **Buy everything you can, even if you have to mortgage!**
- iii. **Pay attention and ask for your rent income!**
- iv. **Don't give away your visitations. Stealth is fair and effective.**
- v. **Keep your cash visible but "incalculable."**
- vi. **Pay attention to which draw deck cards have been drawn (and which ones haven't).**
- vii. **Get out of Jail early on. Stay in Jail late in the game.**
- viii. **Trade strategically, both to build and to block color groups (and to sell for big cash).**
- ix. **When trading, never look at the face value of what's being offered.** Instead, look at how powerful both parties will be "post-trade." Know the relative power levels of each group, and trade accordingly. Trading is the heart of MONOPOLY success!
- x. **The Oranges are king. Reds are second strongest. All else can win, if played right.**
- xi. **Timing! Timing! Timing!**
- xii. **Railroads & Utilities make excellent rent income for a very small investment.**
- xiii. **Build to the three-house level as quickly as you can, thus providing the best R.O.I.**
- xiv. **Control the housing market: soak up houses and don't build to hotels unless necessary.**
- xv. **Keep emergency cash in hand: about \$150 to \$200, depending upon the game state.**
- xvi. **Play fairly, honestly and respectfully. You'll probably play your opponents again!**
- xvii. **Have fun and roll with the punches. Luck is still part of the game.**