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## The History Of Keno

By Adel Awwad

Keno was introduced in 200 BC by the Chinese military leader, Cheung Leung who used this game

as a finance resource for his failing army. He used this game as a finance resource to help his failing army. The city of Cheung was waging a war, and after awhile of war time appeared to be facing national famine with the drastic decrease in supplies. Cheung Leung needed to come up with a fast fix for the economic disaster and to produce revenue for his army. He thusly created the game we now know as keno and it was a great success.

Keno used to be known as the White Pigeon Game, since the winning numbers were delivered by pigeons from larger cities to the smaller villages. The lottery `Keno' was brought to the United States in the 1800s by Chinese immigrants who came to the US to work. In those times, Keno was played with 120 numbers.

Keno is generally played with 80 numbers in most of American based casinos as well as online casinos. Keno is largely enjoyed today because of the relaxed nature of playing the game and the simple fact that there are no skills needed to play Keno. Despite the fact that the odds of winning are terrible, there is always the chance that you will win quite big with very little gambling investment.

Today, Keno is played with 80 numbers and 20 numbers are drawn each game. Players of Keno can choose from 2 to 10 numbers and bet on them, as much or as little as they want to. The payout of Keno is according to the bets made and the roll out of matching numbers.

The `thousand character classic' is the heritage produced by keno history—a Chinese poem of 1000 numbers, which is known as a set of independent characters placed in a rhymed form. It was originally a new way for children to learn, however the poem is so well know that the characters are often used as a romantic numbering system. On the original keno boards, instead of using just numbers, they used these characters.

Keno grew in popularity in the United States near the end of the 19th century when the Chinese characters were replaced with more familiar, American numbers. Lotteries were not covered under the legalization of gambling in the state of Nevada in 1931. The casinos changed the name of the `Chinese

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lottery' to 'horse race keno' utilizing the idea that the numbers are horses and you want your horses to come in. When a law passed that taxed off track betting, Nevada swiftly changed the name to 'keno'.

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### **How To Play Keno**

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Keno is one of the easiest gambling games to play. When you learn how to play Keno, you'll be able to find a Keno game in just about any Las Vegas casino hall or online casino. Similar to Lotto, Keno originated in China and was brought to the United States by Chinese immigrants in the mid-1800s. One of the best reasons to learn how to play Keno is the potential payout: in most online casinos, a \$1 bet can pay out up to \$50,000 in winnings. The rules for how to play Keno are just as simple as playing your state's lottery.

Would you like to know how to play Keno? There are no cards involved in this simple game of chance. Keno play consists of selecting a minimum of four and a maximum of ten numbers, called spots, between 1 and 80. Your game is called according to the number of spots you select; for instance, if you pick eight numbers, you're playing 8-spot Keno. Winning numbers for each Keno game are randomly selected, and winners are determined by how many of your numbers match the winning numbers. In some cases, such as in 10-spot Keno, payouts are given if you don't match any of the numbers. If you know how to play the lottery, you know how to play Keno!

Generally, there are two options for how to play Keno. In most Las Vegas casinos there are Keno lounges specially designated for playing the game. Screens called Keno boards are located in the lounge and display the results of each Keno draw. Most casinos hold Keno draws every ten or twenty minutes. For players who want to participate in Keno outside the lounge, Vegas casinos have Keno screens throughout the hall to display the results, and employees called Keno runner circulating through the crowds, who will collect your ticket and deliver your winnings. Knowing how to play Keno means you'll always have something going on when you're at the casino!

Another method for how to play Keno is video Keno. This is the version available for online casino play. Video Keno is similar to live Keno, except you don't have to wait ten minutes between games. Like a slot machine, you can play video Keno as many times in a row as you wish. The payouts for video Keno can be as high as \$100,000 on a \$1 wager. Video Keno is available at just about every online casino. So, now you know how to play Keno. See you at the boards!

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