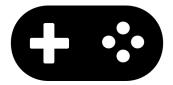
Caltech Puzzle Hunt

8 Ball Pool 927



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Pool is wonderful game that is known by two names. P ool or pocket billiards. Today, we will examine a single of the six variations that exist. This version of pool, the most common, features exactly fifteen numbered balls that must be hit into a pocket that lines the side of the table. Players are equipped with a pool stick and chalk that they can use to improve traction on the ball. The balls are divided into sets, a set of stripes and a set of solid balls. You are playing solids and it is your turn. Your aim is to pot all of the solid balls on the table. You start by striking the cue ball (the white ball) with the pool stick, with the goal of having it knock into a solid colored ball and push it into a pocket. By striking all the solid balls in, you win. Actually, not exactly that. Pool's win condition is more complicated than that. P ool players must pocket all their balls first, and then the eight ball in order to win. Pool is a worldwide sport, with lots of players coming from the United States or Europe. Mr. Stefano Pelinga, a renowned artistic pool player, for example, hails from Rome. He is known for his short and logical shots, pocketing balls, and soft strokes. He has over ten wins under his belt from his twelve worldwide tournaments. Mr. P is a true legend in the pool community and he hopes that he can inspire future pool legends like yourself. It is in your hands now to demonstrate the things you have learned from Mr. P. These set of things, the three of them, will be the one thing you need to learn. Play time buds! Pool table's ready. You're solids, try to play like Mr. P.