

A big deal



A dealer shuffles a deck of cards during the World Series of poker in Las Vegas.
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This week's Phrase

"The phrase **a big deal** is often used to describe a situation of great importance.

Examples:

It's obviously a big deal to her to get a promotion first because she can move up in the company faster than anybody else in the team.

I just couldn't understand why they quarrelled so much over the colour of a picture frame - it's not a big deal!

Take note

"A **big no-no** describes something that should never be done or should never have been done".

Examples:

Wearing jeans is a big no-no in a posh restaurant.

Arriving late and leaving early is a big no-no at our workplace.

Interesting facts

The earliest known playing cards are from 9th Century China. The widely-used French design of today has 52 cards and four 'suits': clubs, diamonds, hearts and spades.