



# Slots + VLTs

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## Most forms of gambling are based on three concepts:

- Randomness
- Independent Events
- House Advantage

## What happens when you play?

Here's what you can expect when you're playing the slots or VLTs:

- Slot machine and VLT odds of winning vary depending on game type and denomination. Learn your odds of winning before playing.
- Did you know that not all slot machines and VLTs are the same? Some pay smaller prizes more often and have more bonus games, while others pay out more in the middle or top prize categories.
- It is more likely that you would win smaller prizes on a slot or VLT than a top prize.
- If a slot or VLT has a 92% payout over the lifetime of the machine, it doesn't mean that you will leave with 92% of the money you started with. This is the payout over the long run.

It is important to know that slot machines (found in the casino) may display the amount you are wagering in 'credits' only, in 'dollars' only, or offer a toggle between the two. When you are playing a slot machine, it can be helpful to take some time to understand how your wagers and winnings are being displayed. When playing a VLT (found in a lounge or restaurant), the amount you are wagering will be displayed in 'dollars'.

The RNG Chip ensures that every play is random and independent from all other plays.

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**Playing more doesn't mean you'll win more. If you add it all up, you are more likely to lose more than you'll win.**

## Independent Events

Each spin/deal is not connected to what happened before and will have no effect on what will happen next. Just like a coin flip, it doesn't matter what the previous outcome was.

The slot machine or VLT has no memory. What you see are not predictable patterns, but rather random, independent events.

## House Advantage

The house advantage (or house edge) ensures the gambling operator or casino makes money over the long term. While it's possible to win in the short-term, slot machines and VLTs are programmed to keep more money than they pay out in winnings over the long term. This means there is a cost to gamble. You may win occasionally but expect to spend money over time. The more you play, the more you pay.

## Randomness

All legalized gambling uses some way to generate random outcomes so the results of what will happen next are unpredictable.

In slot machines or VLTs, random results are produced by a computer chip called a random number generator (RNG). The RNG's job is to continuously cycle through thousands of numbers a second. When you push the spin/deal button, the number on the RNG at that exact moment is converted to the symbol you see on screen. Pushing the button a fraction of a second earlier or later would result in a completely different outcome.

There is no system, superstition or belief that will help you predict what will happen next.

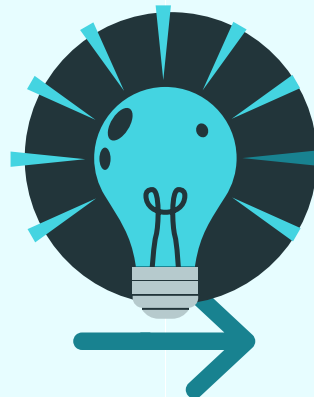
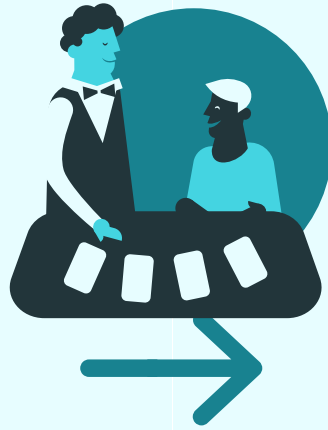
## MYTHS

I've been playing for a while. I must be due for a win soon, right?

The machine I just left paid out a jackpot. If I stayed, would I have won?

I have a system to help me win.

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## FACTS

With slots and VLTs persistence doesn't pay off. Your last play has no impact on what happens on your next play, so results are always unpredictable. Slots and VLTs are never "due for a win". They don't "go cold" after a win either.

Probably not. A slot machine and VLT uses Random Number Generators (RNG), which continuously cycle through numbers. It produces 1,000 different results every second. If you had continued to play it's highly unlikely you would have had the same result as the player who followed you.

Slot machine and VLT results are based completely on random chance. There is nothing you can do to improve your odds of winning.

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