How to Play a Basic Game of Dominoes

To start: lay all the Dominoes face down and shuffle them.
- 2 players get 7 Dominoes each
- 3 or 4 players get 5 Dominoes each.

The rest of the Dominoes are pushed to the side, face down (the bone–yard). Players can place their Dominoes so the other players can't see their hand.

The Game:
1. Highest double Domino goes first (see picture) Play continues clockwise.
2. Next player places a matching piece with the matching halves touching. If on your turn you don't have a piece that can be matched with any on the table you must take Dominoes from the bone–yard until you have a Domino that can be played.
3. If the bone–yard is empty you pass your turn until you are able to make a play or until someone has used all of their Dominoes.
4. The first player to use all of their Dominoes wins the points equal to the number of dots on the Dominoes left with the other players. So if everybody else's Dominoes have a total of 25 dots, that's the score for that player.

Another game is played until someone reaches a predetermined point amount. In most games the first player to get to 100 (30 or 50 work well too) points wins.