

Types of online bingo you can play

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Bingo's just bingo, right? A lottery-style game where players race to match the numbers on their cards with the numbers being called out? Well, not quite. While the basic idea is always the same - be the first to match your numbers - there are actually several different types of online bingo you can play, each with its own card layout, rules, and style. If you're [new to online bingo](#) or just fancy trying something different, here's a rundown of the main bingo variants you'll find at UK [bingo sites](#).

90-Ball Bingo

This is the classic UK bingo format and by far the most popular choice among British players. If you've ever played bingo in a traditional bingo hall, this is the version you'll know best.

In [90-ball bingo](#), each ticket has three rows and nine columns. Each row contains five numbers and four blank spaces, giving you 15 numbers per ticket. The numbers range from 1 to 90, and each column covers a specific range (1-9 in the first column, 10-19 in the second, and so on up to 80-90).

Players usually buy tickets in strips of six, which together contain all 90 numbers. This means if you buy a full strip, you're guaranteed to mark off at least one number every time a ball is drawn.

There are three ways to win in 90-ball bingo:

- **One line**- complete any single horizontal row
- **Two lines**- complete any two rows on the same ticket
- **Full house**- mark off all 15 numbers on a single ticket

The full house is always the biggest prize, and it's the one everyone's really chasing.

75-Ball Bingo

[75-ball bingo](#) is the standard format in North America, but it's widely available on UK bingo sites too. The card is a 5x5 grid with the letters B-I-N-G-O printed across the top, one letter per column. Each column contains five numbers from a specific range, and the centre square is left blank - it's considered a free space.

The big difference with 75-ball bingo is the winning patterns. Rather than just playing for lines and a full house, you might need to complete specific shapes on your card - things like a cross, a diamond, a letter shape, or any number of other patterns. The pattern you're playing for is displayed at the start of each game.

This adds a bit more variety to each round and keeps things interesting, especially if you're the kind of player who likes a bit of visual excitement on the screen.

80-Ball Bingo

80-ball bingo sits somewhere between the 90-ball and 75-ball formats. It's played on a 4x4 grid with 16 numbers per card. The numbers range from 1 to 80, and each of the four columns is usually colour-coded to help you keep track.

Winning combinations in 80-ball bingo can include single lines (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal), four corners, or a full house. Some sites also use pattern-based wins, similar to 75-ball bingo.

This format isn't as widely available as 90-ball or 75-ball, but you'll find it at a fair few UK bingo sites. It's a nice middle ground if you want something a bit different without straying too far from the formats you know.

30-Ball Bingo (Speed Bingo)

If you're short on time or just prefer a faster game, 30-ball bingo is well worth a look. Often called speed bingo, this variant uses a tiny 3x3 card with just nine numbers. Only 30 balls are in play, and the sole objective is to fill your entire card for a full house.

Games are over in a matter of minutes - sometimes even seconds - making this ideal for quick sessions during a lunch break or commute. The prizes tend to be smaller than in the bigger formats, but the speed and simplicity more than make up for it.

5 Line Bingo (Swedish Bingo)

5 line bingo uses the same 5x5 card as 75-ball bingo, but the game doesn't stop until every number has been called. There are five separate prizes - one for each completed line - building up to a full house. This means more winners per game and more chances to pick up a prize, which is why this format has developed a keen following.

Slingo

Slingo is a hybrid game that blends bingo with slots. You're given a bingo-style grid, and instead of numbers being called by a caller, you spin a set of reels at the bottom of the screen. The numbers that come up on the reels are then marked off on your grid. It's a fun crossover format that appeals to both bingo and slots fans.

Which Type of Bingo Should You Play?

Honestly, it comes down to personal preference. If you like the traditional British bingo experience, stick with 90-ball. If you want more pattern variety, give 75-ball a go. If speed is your thing, try 30-ball. And if you want maximum winning chances, 5 line bingo is hard to beat.

Most [online bingo sites](#) offer at least two or three of these variants, so there's nothing stopping you from trying them all and seeing which one clicks. Many players enjoy switching between formats to keep things fresh.

Staying Safe While Playing

Whichever type of bingo you prefer, always play on a site that holds a valid UK Gambling Commission licence. Set yourself a spending limit and use the responsible gambling tools available on the site. If you ever feel you need support, [GambleAware](#) provides free and confidential help.

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