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Speech 2 - *Teaching a Skill*: Poker - Outline

- Set up table closer to middle of room + put up rankings guide sheet

Intro:

- Introduce ourselves & level of skill

3 Facts of poker: (Nadia talks; Tim starts to lay out/organize props)

Most popular version: Texas Hold'em – seen in movies, TV, etc.

- origin Robstown, Tx 1900's – Las Vegas 1967
- Main event World Series of Poker (WSOP)
- Largest Win – \$18.3 million, Antonio Esfandiari 2012 WSOP

Goal: make the best five-card poker hand from the two cards you've been dealt + five 'community cards'

Card rankings:

- worst: High card — doesn't have a pair & doesn't connect
- 1 pair: good — Ace highest, twos lowest
- 2 pairs: beats 1
- 3 of a kind: beats 2
- Straight: 5 cards, in a row, diff. suits
- Flush: 5 cards same suit
- full house (boat): three kind + pair (strong hand)
- 4-of-a-kind: even better
- Straight flush: very rare, 5 cards, in a row, same suit
- Royal flush (show prop cards): unbeatable — straight flush: 10, J, Q, K, Ace
 - Chance of hands dealt 30,000 to 1

How to play a hand: (each step shown with performance)

imagine you're in a casino... (explain positions)

1. Blinds & Dealer Button (before cards dealt)

Positions:

- Dealer determined by button-holder
- Cards dealt in clockwise order
- Two players to left of dealer **post blinds** (forced bets)
 - Small blind: half of min bet
 - Big blind: full min bet

2. Dealing Cards (Tim deals)

- 2 cards — "hole cards"

3. Betting

Before the flop

- Choices:
 - Fold: discard hand, forfeit
 - Call: match the bet (big blind)
 - Check: stay – action passes to next player
 - **Raise**: increase bet — every player has to match or fold
- Bets put into the POT

The Flop:

- 3 cards dealt face up in middle — “community cards”
 - shared by players, now everyone has “5”
 - Flop? = sound cards make

2nd betting round:

- 2 choices: (show hand motions)
 - Check: “not betting put staying in the hand” action passes to next player
 - Bet: putting chips into pot

After the Flop:

The Turn:

- 4th community card is dealt + 3rd betting round

The River:

- Last card is dealt (5th community) + 4th (last) betting round

“Showdown”

- show cards + make hands
 - Aim to have “best” hand = win
 - (Build the hands)

Player Choices:

2 hand + 3 community

1 hand + 4 community

0 hand + 5 community = “Playing to board”

Beginner struggle: looking at cards + making a hand when community cards shown + deciding when to bet/fold

END – signal ending + thank audience