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Introduction

You've read the headlines:

"WESTERN 649 proves lucky again with \$1 million win in Calgary"

"\$101 Million Lottery Ticket Sold In Texas"

"Jobless maid from Kilmarnock sparkling after cleaning up with £2.2m"

And you wonder: "Why can't this be me?"

Perhaps some of these people are just lucky. Media stories often focus on the unemployed guy who just "had a feeling" and decided to buy a ticket for the first time in years risking his last five bucks. Or the 75-year-old couple that recently lost all their possessions in a fiery blaze and then *finally* won the very next day using the "lucky" numbers they've been playing since their honeymoon in 1944.

But what about those people who actually know what they're doing? Some lottery players don't rely purely on luck to win the lottery, those who don't just wait for it to happen to them. These people have systems based on the numbers and mathematics that work for them. You don't read about these people because it takes the romance, the mystery, and the "luck" out of the lotto.

But it can happen to you. Because you've taken the first step!

Reading *+title+* will put you one move closer to becoming one of those headlines. You will uncover the secrets that professional lottery players have been using for years. And once you know these secrets, you can start winning the lotto yourself.

So let's get started.....

A Brief History of the Lottery

Like any part of history, there is some debate about just when lotteries first entered the picture. However, the Bible does make a reference to a form of lottery and there is some evidence of lotto playing as early as **100-44 B. C.**

In **1530**, an Italian lottery was held in Florence that featured cash prizes. This is even where and when the word "lottery" itself was likely born. It was possibly sprung from the Italian word "lotto," which means *destiny* or *fate*.

Soon after--in **1567**--the first English state lottery was established. Queen Elizabeth I began the lottery and offered cash, dishware, and tapestry prizes. About 400,000 tickets were sold.

Even these early lotteries were used to support charitable causes. King James I created a London lottery in **1612** that aided the first American British colony--in Jamestown, Virginia.

From **1790** to the Civil War many colleges, schools and churches were erected with lottery proceeds. Universities as notable as Harvard and Yale even obtained early funding through lotteries.

But the authorities didn't always see this positive aspect of lotto. In the **1800s** laws prohibiting lotteries were enacted in the US and Canada because of corruption within the games and the "evil" nature of gambling.

Despite this abhorrence, things changed in the next century as regulatory boards were created. New Hampshire was the first state to form a legal lottery in that century. Changes to the Criminal Code of Canada in **1969** legalized gambling, allowing provinces to operate both lotteries and casinos. Charitable and religious organizations were now able to carry out specified lottery schemes to raise funds.

In **1976**, lottery sales exceeded \$1 billion for the first time. By **1999**, [The World Lottery Association](#) boasted 63 member nations, putting a member on every continent except Antarctica.

A West Virginia man won the biggest jackpot ever in **2002**. Jack Whittaker decided to take a lump sum payment of more than \$170 million instead of an annuity that would have awarded him \$314.9 million over three decades. He purchased his winning ticket in Hurricane, West Virginia.

The Internet has also altered the way lotteries are played. Winning numbers can now be found online around the world, 24 hours a day.

Some games can even be played on-line. Recently, the first African national online lottery game (Lotto Nigeria) was launched. With this latest news development, Nigeria joins more than 100 online global lottery operations the world. No more gathering around the TV or radio clutching that ticket, and waiting to hear your numbers called!

Lotteries have also become an important source of charity revenue. Today, lotteries fund everything from education to senior citizen clubs.

Lotto has sure come a long way since Moses first used it to award land in the Old Testament!

Now that you've learned a little about the background of lottery, let's look at some lottery myths...

Lottery Myths Shattered

Myth #1: “You are more likely to be struck by lightning than to win the lottery.”

Fact: The odds of winning the lottery are NOT worse than being struck by lightning!

In 1996, 1,136 people won over \$1,000,000 in North American lotteries. Lightning killed only 91 people.

Myth #2: “Only poor people play the lottery.”

Fact: “Poor” people are NOT the major purchasers of lottery tickets.

A 1999 poll on gambling showed that people with yearly incomes of \$45,000 to \$75,000 was more frequent players than those with incomes under \$25,000.

Lotteries Around the World

North America

The local provincial or state governments govern individual lotteries in both Canada and the US. This means that many states and provinces run their own lotteries. Of course, the end result is more chances to play and more chances to win!

Most states have their own games: Arizona, California, [Colorado](#), [Connecticut](#), Delaware, [D. C.](#), [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [Idaho](#), [Illinois](#), [Indiana](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Louisiana](#), [Maine](#), [Maryland](#), [Massachusetts](#), [Michigan](#), [Minnesota](#), [Missouri](#), [Montana](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Hampshire](#), [New Jersey](#), [New Mexico](#), [New York](#), [North Dakota](#), [Ohio](#), [Oregon](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Rhode Island](#), [South Carolina](#), [South Dakota](#), [Tennessee](#), [Texas](#), [Vermont](#), [Virginia](#), [Washington](#), [West Virginia](#) and Wisconsin.

Eleven states ([Georgia](#), [Illinois](#), [Maryland](#), [Massachusetts](#), [Michigan](#), [New Jersey](#), [New York](#), [Ohio](#), [Texas](#), [Virginia](#) and [Washington](#)) have also teamed up to create the Mega Millions game. It replaced what was once called the Big Game, and claims to be the “biggest jackpot in the country.” And it might just be right. This is because as millions of people across these states are playing, the prize rises with each bet.

Jackpots begin at one million, but second prize is not too shabby itself at \$175,000. (Playing this game is also how Mr. Whittaker went down in the history books!) The overall chance of being a winner of some kind is one in 43. Being the jackpot winner is a *little* less likely at one in 135,145,920.

In the US, federal regulation is limited to the distribution of tickets within each state, as well as interstate advertising. But the government will also take some of a winner's prize. The IRS withholds a whopping 25 per cent of prizes more than \$5000.

The individual state also makes a grab at a winner's stash. However, the amount varies from region to region and these withholdings don't apply to smaller prizes.

Rules also vary from state to state on how to collect a prize and on whether or not more than one person can claim the same prize. It's best to check out each state's rules before playing there.

In Canada, there are fewer lotteries, but every region is likewise represented.

The four Atlantic provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) have joined forces to create the [Atlantic Lottery Corporation](#).

In the west, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have joined up to form the Western Canada Lottery Corporation. The Yukon and the two Territories are associate members of this organization.

B.C., Quebec and Ontario have their own governing bodies as well.

There are several different games within each corporation. These groups just take on the responsibility of operating the games for their respective provinces.

The two big Canadian national games are LOTTO SUPER 7 and LOTTO 6/49.

LOTTO SUPER 7 is drawn every Friday. The chances of winning the big jackpot—that is getting seven of seven numbers are about one in 20,963,833. The winner receives 60 per cent of the total pooled funds. In 2002, that amounted to the highest ever prize awarded in the Super 7, an incredible \$37,841,970.40.

Drawn every Wednesday and Saturday, LOTTO 6/49 has about a one in 13,983,816 to win its big jackpot. The winner does so by having six of six numbers. A little more than 80 per cent of the pooled funds go to the winner.

In Canada, the amount of your prize may be smaller because of the lower dollar value. But unlike American lottery winners, Canadians **are not required to pay taxes on jackpots of any size!**

Neither country allows Internet purchasing because lottery tickets must be bought within the borders of each individual lottery's regulator. People who live out of state/province can purchase tickets, but it must be at a licensed terminal. Most lotteries don't allow Internet purchasing, because this method requires a credit card. In Canada, at least, lottery tickets cannot be bought on credit.

And if you've ever wondered why lottery millionaires don't just sneak off into the sunset towing their cash with them, in order to avoid becoming an overnight media darling... it's because they can't.

In both Canada and the US, the names and photographs of winners are public property. **In fact, the prize will not be awarded if a winner refuses to be revealed to the public.** This stipulation is to protect the integrity of the games, to show that there are in fact winners and that they come from every region and every economic class of the respective countries.

Australia and New Zealand

Like Canada and the US, almost every Australian state has its own games. [New South Wales](#), [Northern Territory](#), [Queensland](#), [South Australia](#) and [Western Australia](#) all have regulatory organizations that run several different games in each state.

There is also a company called Tattersall's. It has been running in Australia since 1881. Their games can be played in Victoria, Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and the ACT. It also reaches five Asia Pacific jurisdictions.

In the Tattslotto, its most well known game, the odds of winning the division one prize are one in 2,036,265. Winning the Oz Lotto is higher at one in 8,145,060.

The major difference between Australian and North American lotteries is that Oz games **can** be played online and from outside the country.

Ozlotteries.com is one online company with several games, drawn every day, available for play around the world. It even sends you e-mail when you've won!

Similar to Canada, **Australian winnings are not taxable**. But winners are responsible for following any applicable tax laws in their jurisdiction.

The New Zealand Lotteries Commission regulates the most well known lottery games in that country. Odds of winning the major lotto game are one in 3,838,380.

In this country, new millionaires are eased into their crazy new life with the aide of a winner's brochure. It guides them through the steps they should take after hitting the big time, and even gives them a list of financial jargon!

Lottery players living in remote regions of the country can play by mail. Currently, the Commission is in the process of dealing with online gambling. But as of right now the games can't be played via the Internet.

Australia shares the same policy on winners' identities as Canada and the US. But in New Zealand, it's up to winners as to who knows about their newfound wealth. The organization even suggests that the fewer people one tells the less attention one receives. It even suggests contacting them for help if winners feel overwhelmed or bombarded with media or public attention.

The United Kingdom

There is one major national lottery in the UK, and it's called simply that, the National Lottery.

It was established by an act of parliament in 1993 and claims to have created **1,000 millionaires** by 2000. According to the lottery, the average jackpot size runs about £2 million.

The two major games are (of course) plain old' Lotto and Euromillions.

The odds of winning the Lotto jackpot, by matching six numbers, are one in 13,983,816.

EuroMillions includes several European countries: UK, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal and Switzerland. The National Lottery calls it "Europe's biggest-ever multinational rolling jackpot game." Although it involves more than one country, this game remains a separate game in each individual country. The partnership comes in as it shares both the prize pool and draw results. Becoming an ultimate prizewinner (obtaining five main numbers and two lucky star numbers) is one in 76,275,360.

Both these games can be played online.

But unique to the UK, the National Lottery's games can also be accessed through SkyActive, a digital cable television system. And soon, UK lotto players will be able to get in the game through text messaging. The company that runs the lotteries for the National Lottery Commission is working on making this feature available to its players.

Different from North American and Australian lotteries, winners must be over the age of 16 to collect their prizes. In the other aforementioned countries, players must be at least 18. Winners in the UK, like those in New Zealand, can remain anonymous. That means no long lost cousins showing up on their doorsteps asking for 100,000 to market his next great invention.

Around the Globe

It seems the Western world is not the only part of the globe that loves to gamble. Many countries around the world have their own lotteries.

The World Lottery Association's (WLA) membership consists of 144 separate lotteries in 77 countries on five continents. If that's not enough numbers for you, how about more than **\$120 billion US**? That's how much all these lotteries generate combined in a calendar year.

The WLA member list begins with Argentina and ends with Uruguay. Even Togo, Estonia and Burkina Faso run their own lotteries!

Laws and guidelines are different in every country, so it's best to check out each country's games individually.

Free Lotto

Ever heard the phrase, “if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is...” Most times, this cliché is 110 per cent true. For this reason, it is very important to be careful with many lottery programs out there. There are many scams and a healthy ounce of skepticism (or more) is a good thing for lottery players to have.

With a title like “free lotto,” you probably should be wary. After all everybody knows (to remind you of another thing your mamma taught you), that you don’t get something for nothing.

However, there are legit free games out there. Many seasoned lotto enthusiasts have been playing free games for years. The prizes aren’t perhaps as big as when you actually pay to play. But on the flip side, **there is no investment.**

Expert lotto players say that the free games can be difficult to navigate at first. So, don’t give up on the first try. As you develop skill, they become easier to use and you can succeed at playing.

The grand prizes range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. And, as with anything free, there are strings attached (mom’s advice sure is coming in handy these days). Just like most North American lotteries, you must be 18 years old. The age restriction can be up to 21 years and over in some.

Sometimes the games themselves are illegal depending on where you live. It’s best to check with local laws and legal lottery service providers before you get involved.

These games are free but they often use the numbers from pay lotteries.

Take a look at some of these free online games to see if you want to play along. (Oh yeah... and be fair warned of the pop-ups!)

- Lucky Surf Million Dollar Lottery 7/50
www.luckysurf.com
- Totally Free Lotto
www.totallyfreelotto.com
- Lucky Lotto Web
www.luckylottoweb.com
- The Daily Draw
www.thedailydraw.com/
- Bunny Lotto
www.bunnylotto.com/
- Box Lotto
www.boxlotto.com/
- Free Money Lotto
www.freemoneylotto.com/
- Duck Lotto
www.ducklotto.com
- Loto Luck
www.lotoluck.com/ang/gratis/default.htm
- A Lottery
www.alottery.com
- Free Lotto
www.freelotto.com

How to Win at Lotto

You've read the statistics (one in however many million), believed the myths (that whole lightning thing) and spent hundred (if not thousands) of dollars losing at the lottery. Now, it's time to discard all those numbers and pay attention to the numbers that count.

There is more than one way to win the lottery. Pure luck is one way. But most people will wait their entire lifetimes or at least until they are 87 years old to win the lottery this way. Another, more lucrative way, is to play the lotto with a little bit of knowledge on how numbers work and some software to back you up.

First, a little bit of terminology.

A lottery system is a means by which people try to "beat" the lottery and win. A system is anything that says it will pick the right numbers that will either make you a millionaire, or at least so you don't have to work quite as hard.

Systems promise this result in two specific ways: by either "handling" the numbers or "predicting" just what the numbers might be. Handling uses mathematic calculations and other formulas to come to the correct numbers. Predicting is essentially guessing the jackpot numbers based on past lotto winning combinations or some other set of criteria.

There is some debate about whether a system can work at all (we'll get to that much later). But in terms of distinguishing between the two types, handling is considered a much more reliable means to becoming a lotto winner than predicting.

Whatever system one uses, it's best to do some research before choosing one. And while we **can't guarantee** a win, what you are about to read is a fair comparison of some different methods that will start you on your way to playing the lottery less on luck and **more with skill**.

We will do so by looking at the most used and popular methods of playing the lottery, and by giving you several sources to find basic software to implement them.

Wheeling systems are the most widely recognized. However, many people use lottery history to predict numbers. Filters and key number systems are sometimes incorporated into software as additional features to wheels. And, of course, there are people who swear by the stars.

In this book, we will look at all five of these methods. Thus, you have been given the opportunity, in buying this book, to explore which is best for you. Study the benefits and disadvantages of all the systems, along with dozens of resource materials. Decide which you want to use and begin playing your way to success.

We'd say "good luck," but we're about to show you that it might not be luck that makes you a winner.

So... Good Playing!

Method #1: Lottery Wheels

A wheeling system is basically a pattern, which orders the numbers you have chosen into bets. Although they may be called by a number of names (cover, system, block design, constant weight covering code, or lottosystem), they are most frequently called wheels.

The best way to demonstrate the concept is through an example. In a lottery with five numbers, a **full** wheel from seven numbers holds 21 possible combinations:

01: 01 02 03 04 05	08: 01 02 03 05 07	15: 02 03 04 06 07
02: 01 02 03 04 06	09: 01 02 04 05 07	16: 01 02 05 06 07
03: 01 02 03 05 06	10: 01 03 04 05 07	17: 01 03 05 06 07
04: 01 02 04 05 06	11: 02 03 04 05 07	18: 02 03 05 06 07
05: 01 03 04 05 06	12: 01 02 03 06 07	19: 01 04 05 06 07
06: 02 03 04 05 06	13: 01 02 04 06 07	20: 02 04 05 06 07
07: 01 02 03 04 07	14: 01 03 04 06 07	21: 03 04 05 06 07

(Of course, you likely wouldn't use one to seven. Instead, you'd substitute all the ones with your first chosen number, all the twos with your second and so on.)

This system can be used repeatedly with different numbers. A successful lottery wheel will be structured that if the winning numbers are in your selected numbers, you will always have some prize in your bets.

There are two types of wheels: **full** and **abbreviated**.

Full Wheels

A full wheel is self-explanatory. It includes EVERY possible combination from the chosen group of numbers.

A full wheel is used to shoot for the big prize, but also to go for as many smaller prizes as possible. If you have every combination, it is impossible to go wrong!

Example: A full wheel with 12 numbers means you'd play 924 games to make sure you had every possible order of six numbers.

More examples:

- Playing a full wheel in a Pick 5 lotto with ten numbers. There will be 252 combinations.
- Using 15 numbers = 3,003 combinations.
- With 30 numbers = 142,506 combinations.

Benefits

The most obvious advantage of a full wheel is that if all the drawn numbers match up with your wheeled numbers, you will **for sure win** a major jackpot.

As well, if you've used a full wheel and even a few of your numbers show up, you will likely come up with a substantial amount of wins.

Disadvantage

You had to know there was going to be one!

And you've probably already guessed it...

The biggest disadvantage to a full wheel is, of course, the cost. As in the earlier mentioned examples, the more numbers and combinations you include, the more tickets you have to buy.

A Pick 5 full wheel with 30 numbers has 142,506 possible combinations. Imagine handing over \$285,012 at \$2 a play to a gas station clerk in order to ensure a win at the lottery! You might just break even.

Because of the required investment, full lottery wheels work best for large pools or lotto clubs. It means sharing the cost, but also sharing the win.

Abbreviated Wheels

An abbreviated wheel is just a set with fewer combinations. It provides a lowest amount win guarantee if specific conditions are maintained.

The key function is to try for a particular lower prize, like the second or third largest.

For example: A Pick 5 game with seven numbers and three combinations and a guarantee 4/5 means:

- Play three combinations using seven numbers.
- If you make five from these seven numbers, the result is at least one combination with four matched numbers.
- Plus you only have to play three times instead of 21.

Just as, in playing a Pick 6: a 14 number abbreviated wheel that guarantees a 4/ 6 win means playing 14 games instead of 3003 when using a full wheel.

Here's what an abbreviated wheel might look like:

01: 01 02 03 04 05 07
 02: 01 02 03 06 07 08
 03: 01 02 04 05 06 08
 04: 01 03 04 05 06 08
 05: 01 04 05 06 07 08
 06: 02 03 04 05 06 07
 07: 02 03 04 05 07 08

In a Pick 6 game, it wheels eight numbers (1-8) in seven combinations. Should four of the six winning numbers be among the eight-wheeled numbers, you can count on at least one winning combination matching four drawn numbers.

Benefit

It's purely economics, baby!

Fewer games mean less investment. Abbreviated wheels can allow lotto players a still significant amount of numbers at a less expensive price. Yet, it will offer up a win should your numbers be drawn. You can still hit multiple prizes, and even that illusive jackpot.

Still, the more numbers you play, the more you increase your chances of your wheeled numbers being drawn.

Disadvantage

Essentially, the biggest loss with an abbreviated wheel is that "in the bag" jackpot should your numbers be drawn. This is obviously because you didn't play all combinations.

Abbreviated wheels can't guarantee any more than its specified prize, because it only covers the number combinations needed for that prize. You still could receive a bigger prize than you would without

using the wheel, several prizes or even the jackpot. But, unlike the full wheel, it is not guaranteed.

Overall Benefits of wheeling systems

By its nature, a lottery wheel encourages its users to play more than one ticket. As your overall odds of winning at lotto are theoretically based on how many times you bet, a wheel technically increases your chance of winning.

In addition, if your selected numbers match up to the drawn numbers verbatim, a wheel guarantees a winning a prize. You take your favorite numbers (your child's birthday, your anniversary, and the date of the first time you saw Star Wars) and the wheel arranges them.

If your intuition is right (that is every number you've selected falls in drawn group) and the wheel you are using has no errors, you are a guaranteed prizewinner.

Overall Disadvantages

Although a wheeling system technically increases your odds, a play is still a play. That is, there is the same chance of winning for every ticket.

Example: The odds are one in 1,276,559 for whatever lotto you are playing. Each bet still holds a one in 1,276,599 chance of becoming a jackpot winner.

Wheels could also potentially decrease the likelihood of winning a prize. In some cases (such as when at least three winning numbers not being the same as those you've wheeled) there is no chance of you winning. No matter how many times you've played!

Wheels are primarily for those with a group of numbers who need a way to distribute them into bets. If you don't have a group of around eight to 25 numbers that you want to place your lottery dreams on, wheeling is maybe not the best option for you.

Wheeling software

The Internet is simultaneously a nightmare and a dream when it comes to sites offering wheel software. The possibilities are seemingly endless. And while this may seem ideal, there are too many to count, too many to research and too many to consider every one. Computer generated wheeling systems offered on these sites work by checking the numbers to make sure the combinations have been ordered correctly. Some software programs contain errors that obviously do more harm than good.

Many sites offer free trials, which sound good because they let you try the software out before you buy. Still, the best advice to anyone looking to buy a lottery system is BUYER BEWARE! Any program of any type that claims to be able to make its players instant millionaires is probably lying. After all, if the people hawking these systems have all the answers to winning the lotto, why are they selling them for \$29.99 instead of laying on a beach smirking and soaking up the sun?

Those programs that are being advertised in an ethical way will give specifics of what it has to offer you. Here are a few things to consider when paying for software:

1. Think about the advertisement versus what the program will actually do.

Once you've forked over your cash, whatever you were promised is irrelevant. What are your expectations before you purchased the software? What will you actually find once you begin using it?

2. Complete Software is a must.

Don't stand for hidden costs. Look for small print about add-on modules, wheeling systems, or anything similar.

3. Make sure you are buying into total support.

Technical support should not cost extra. As the user of a software, you are entitled to it.

While the programs found here are not guaranteed to be error-free, this list will help you sort through the hundreds of programs on the web all advertising themselves as “the best one.”

- Lottery Paradise.

www.sci.fi/~kajun/lottery

This site offers up free lottery systems specific to a number of US lotteries and the UK National Lottery.

- Lottery Director.

www.ldir.com

Here you will find more wheeling systems than you could even imagine.

- Lotto Creo Pro.

<http://lottocreo.gamer.hr>

This one is a source for both full and abbreviated wheels.

- Lotto Hat.

www.lottohat.com

This software claims to “attack the lotteries from several directions at once”. Perhaps, it’s the Ninja of the lottery systems software world.

- Lottery Wheels.

www.lotterywheels.com

Don’t worry... Lottery wheels promises to refund your money if you find a proven error in their software. Of course, that’s not a guaranteed win, but...

- Lotto Tutor.

www.lottotutor.com

This tutor schools you on two major wheels: a 20 number wheel and a 10 number wheel.

- UltraLott.

www.justlottery.com

Most programs on this site cost \$19.95. It features software specific to international, US and Canada lotteries.

- Dream Lotto

www.lottomania.ch

This dream-come-true allows you to download a free version to try out and has programs specific to lotteries around the world. To name a few: Poland, Malaysia, Mexico, India and Australia.

- Lotto Genius

www.lottogenius.com

Players new to wheeling can create a simple wheel right on the site using the Web Wizard.

- Lotto Jet

www.lottojet.com

An impressive site (much more professional than most web sites offering lottery software), this one includes a discussion board.

- Lotto Pro

www.lotto-pro.com

You will find several different systems here that you order on CD-Rom. There is also a free download to test wheeling systems.

And if none of those suit your fancy. Try:

- Lotto Logix.

www.lotto-logix.com

This site offers up a fairly complete guide of what's out there. Just click on software on the right hand side. This list was compiled by some lotto watchers. So watch out for the real stuff. Also, some free simple wheeling guides are available.

Method #2: Key Numbers

Some wheels also incorporate key numbers as part of the software. A key number is any that you want to appear in every combination you create. You are sure, for whatever reason, that a certain number or number(s) will occur in the upcoming draw.

It may be based on a hunch or chosen through other methods, such as hot and cold numbers (see page 29). However key numbers are derived, using this method ensures that your “lucky” numbers will be in whatever wheeling system you choose.

Benefits

Picking key numbers drastically decreases the possible combinations you might want to include. This reduction means less time and money invested in playing the lottery.

Plus, if your key number(s) are drawn, your odds of winning the jackpot, or at least a significant prize, have sky rocketed.

Disadvantages

Should even one of your key numbers be excluded from the draw in question, your chances at winning a big prize drop quite considerably. In this scenario, a jackpot win is definitely out of reach.

The player must be sure the key number is going to show up. This feat may be difficult or impossible.

Some software programs include key numbers as part of their systems. Check these out if you have numbers you think are for sure going to be in your jackpot draw.

Key Number Software

There are fewer software packages available online for key numbers, as this method is usually used in conjunction with wheels.

But check these few out that use and pick key numbers in different ways.

- Quick Silver Lotto Wheeler
www.geocities.com/rexfelis1/index.html

This site offers a program that claims to “specify up to five floating key numbers, and choose from three ways to use them.”

- Window Wright
www.lotterysoftware.com

Here, you’ll find a variety of ways to either include or exclude key numbers in abbreviated or full wheels.

- Bet Maker
www.versabet.com/sshots.html

One of several software programs offered by Versabet, this one allows both the use of key numbers and a number history check.

- THE CRUNCH
<http://tciworld.com/THECRUNCH/download.htm>

Crunch your key numbers using this download that some Lottery Post users (see online resources) are calling “the best.”

Method #3: Number or Statistical Analysis

This method of playing the lottery relies heavily on prediction. But there is some (although somewhat shady) math involved. It asks which numbers have been drawn in the past. Then, based on this information, it predicts the numbers that are most likely to be picked in the next draw.

The major factor here is that the player must know which numbers have been picked in the past. Compiling that type of information

could be a lofty goal, indeed. However, the numbers from many of the biggest lotteries are available through many software prediction packages.

The basic theory is that numbers will appear with an equal frequency over a substantial period in any game's history. This system also stipulates that there are short-term patterns and cycles as well. Some numbers have "dry spells" (similar to those that might exist in a mathematician's dating history) and some are picked in almost every draw.

Of course, the drawing of numbers in a lottery is supposed to be completely random. But patterns and repeating numbers may seem easily recognizable.

Hot versus Cold Numbers

Whatever calculation each prediction system uses, it will likely come up with a description of either "hot" or "cold" numbers.

A hot number is one that shows up more than X number of times. A number chosen less than X number of times will be labeled a "cold" number. With X being whatever the system has decided it should be.

Depending on which software you are using, it will suggest that either one is the way to go. While hot numbers might be more popular because they are constantly occurring, cold numbers are sometimes considered "overdue."

Benefits

Over a short period of time, number patterns in a lottery might not often reveal themselves. It can be a bit of a trick to determine a valid pattern at a certain point. Still, this method claims to provide better odds than offering your winning chances up to the lottery kiosk computer-generated number gods.

Some software also combines this method with number wheeling. The two-fold effort seems to only improve winning chances.

Disadvantages

One of the biggest disadvantages of this system is compiling the numbers from previous draws for up to three years. It sounds time consuming and may not even be doable.

Plus, this lottery system's reputation is not that great. Whereas wheeling has the math to back it up, using past numbers to predict future numbers isn't really that solid. One site uses the "flip a coin" theory to back up its claims, stating that every time a coin lands on heads it increases the probability that the next flip will be tails. Any high school math students can tell you that this is just not true.

Number Analysis software

Although there are not as many of this type of software available as wheeling systems, there are still many to choose from. Make sure you follow the same guidelines in choosing software as outlined in the wheeling systems section.

The descriptions available for these systems are sometimes vague and often based on some special theory. Like wheeling systems, there's no guarantee these will work. However, here's a starter list for software available on the Internet.

- Lotto Logic
www.timersoft.com

This software maker calls for numbers from the 30 to 40 previous draws. It also claims to have won an award as one of the best programs available on the net.

- O.W.N. Bet
www.ownbet.com

Based in the "Chaos theory," this system bills itself as a fun way to pick numbers for all those who hate number charts.

- Beat the Lotto
www.beatthelotto.com

You can try this system for 60 days, and if you're not happy, you will get your money back. (Make sure you get that in writing).

- Lotto Sorcerer

www.satoripublishing.com/LS/index.html

Based on what it calls "the Lottery Theory," this software analyzes hot and cold numbers to find those which will occur in the near future.

- Strike It – Lotto!

www.ourpastime.com/lotto/index.htm

This site offers a program that claims to increase your odds by weeding out numbers unlikely to be chosen.

- Lotto Pro 2004

www.windowslotto.com

Compatible with Windows 95, 98, ME, XP, 2000 and NT, this program lists a number of testimonials saying it really works.

- Dinero

www.lottodinero.com

This site offers software that finds the probable numbers for your state lottery using an Excel spreadsheet program. All it asks for is the date you want to enter.

- The Lotto Program

www.lottoprogram.com

This software includes a hit/skip chart to demonstrate which numbers it says will "hit" again.

- Lotto Fun Lotto Game

www.playlottofun.com

Perhaps more fun than substance, this software allows players to create their own number combinations.

Method #4: Filters

Filters work to weed out certain combinations or numbers based on how particular software has been programmed to do it. A filter of some type will usually be an extra feature with wheel or number analysis methods.

There are many different kinds of filters, which normally fall into two main types: number filters and group filters.

Number filters work by either accepting or rejecting lottery numbers according to their value. They will “test” specific numbers to determine whether or not they belong to a predefined set of numbers.

For example: A specific filter may divide numbers into hot/cold sets, even/odd sets, low/high sets, identical number sets, and last draw or past draw sets

This theory (like number analysis) supports itself on the assumption that over a long period of time, numbers will be drawn an equal number of times. So in the case of a cold number (one that hasn't shown up in a winning combination for some time) it will be more likely to appear in the next drawing. The filter works to basically find these numbers and sort them out.

Group filters assemble lottery numbers together in various ways. They might do so by putting numbers into consecutive and non-consecutive numbers or into odd and even groupings. Some programs might have a specific way of grouping already worked out. In others, the user can decide how the numbers should be chosen and distributed into categories.

For example: Lottery numbers drawn totaling a certain value likely to be drawn.

In a 6/49 drawn, you might expect the lottery balls to add up to around 150 (i.e./2+4+6+44+46+48). If every possible combination adding up to 150 were plotted on a graph, it would look like a standard curve chart. This formula allows the player to exclude certain improbable combinations, such as 1,2,3,4,5,6.

Benefits

Filtration thins out the number of combinations in a given wheel. It focuses on specific traits and aims to allow only prize-winning combinations to pass the filters. The bets are intended to mirror the previous drawn number combinations. As a result, they are more likely to win.

In a purely random system, the frequency of any number's appearance will even out. In theory, if a number has not appeared lately, its chances to appear increase every time it isn't picked. Filters usually work on this set of guidelines.

Disadvantages

Depending on what criteria the program is using to filter numbers, it could be flawed in some way. The first filter example could be problematic because a lottery ball has no conscious knowledge of what number it represents. Although in theory, that number *should* be drawn (based on probability), there is no way to *make* it be drawn.

Although a random system will even out over time, there is no way to tell how long that period might be. It could be hundreds or even thousands of years. And most modern lotteries just haven't been operating that long.

Filter Software

Like key numbers, filter options are usually available with wheeling and prediction systems. Here are a few to consider:

- Lotwin
www.lottery.co.uk/lotwin
 This filter software is designed specifically for the UK National Lottery.
- Darwinian Software
www.darwiniansoftware.com/afilters.htm

This maker of lottery software asks and answers the question: “how fussy are our filters?”

- Plex Lotto
www.plexobject.com/software/plexlotto/index.html
 Another software that combines more than one filter type with other lottery systems.
- P34Lotto
www.p34lotto.com
 Available filters can group numbers into several different set types: even-odd, low-high, sum of numbers, width of line, identical, even-odd by position, low-high by position, last draw by position and past draws.

Method #5: Lucky Charms

Psychics promising the right pick.

Medallions with magic powers.

Secret rituals resulting in riches.

Whether you believe in fairy tales or not, there should be some discussion about those supernatural products (and people) making themselves available with claims to help you win the lottery.

It may be an old joke, but most people haven't read an article lately that begins with the headline: **Psychic wins the lottery.**

Still, many people believe that a good luck charm or a visit to their friendly neighborhood medium will send them on the right track to winning that big jackpot. Some have likely even proven (at least in their own minds) with a significant lotto win following such a visit, that it can be done.

This is a definite gray area. There are no proven results, and no mathematical data to analyze. It's best to truly think about whether or

not this is a real method for you. That said it doesn't hurt to visit these sites or seek out these services just for fun. Just don't invest a huge amount of money or time finding your lotto numbers this way.

Some people use numerology to at least pick the numbers they want to wheel.

Numerology studies the meaning of numbers. Numerologists believe that certain numbers are constant in peoples' lives. The most significant number combination is one's birthday, but they could be phone numbers, anniversaries or addresses.

There are two types of birthday numbers: the primary and secondary numbers. The primary number or the birth date is the most significant, followed up by the secondary number. It can be found by adding the numerical values of your month, day and year of birth all together. Then, reduce the total number.

Fore example: A person born on September 22, 1978 will figure out his/ her secondary number using: month + date + year.

September = 9

22 is reduced to 4

1978 is $1+9+7+8= 25$ and then $2+5 =7$.

The equation is reduced to: $9+4+7= 20$.

And then $2+0$.

The secondary number is 2.

Using numerology is a fun way to play your birthday .

Benefits

In many ways, this way of playing the numbers is better than picking lucky numbers on a hunch or by actual birth dates. There could be real meaning in the numbers you have chosen. They could at least be used as key numbers in your wheel.

Plus, it might be entertaining for you and your friends.

Disadvantages

As good as her gypsy get-up looks or her basement card table holds up under pressure, Madame Olivia may not be 100 per cent legit.

Supernatural Books and Web sites

- Lucky Numbers
By Jo Mason
Read this one for a more in depth look at numerology and playing the lotto.
- Dream Your Lucky Lottery Numbers
This book written by Raul Canizares will help you search your dreams to come up with some lucky numbers.
- Free Lucky Numbers
www.sara-freder.com/SFF
Plug in your e-mail and Sara will send you the numbers that may help you win.
- Five Star Psychics
www.5starpsychicadvice.com/WinningStateLottoNumbers.html
This one costs \$20, so be careful.
- Spiritualists
www.spiritualists.org/afterlife/afterlife_week04.html
There is an actual headline here that reads something close to: "Psychic wins the lottery."
- The Online Psychic
www.onlinepsychic.com/main/ex_lotto.shtml
This one claims to give you an edge in your grab for the millions that are available every year in the lottery.
- The Miracle Medallion of Glastonbury
www.calastrology.com/glastonbury.html

Take a peek at the medallion that claims to bring you “financial windfall.”

The Debate: But can it really be done?

You have read about the most frequently used lottery systems available. You’ve weighed the benefits against the disadvantages of each one.

But you still ask this question: **“Is it really possible to beat the lottery and win on skill, instead of on pure luck?”**

As with most debates, there are two sides to this argument.

The Nah-Sayers point out the fallibility of lottery systems. Full wheels are too expensive to play. Abbreviated wheels don’t cover everything. Prediction is too theoretical, and doesn’t work in practice. Filters and key number systems have no real basis in mathematics. Psychics are just plain loony.

These arguments are mostly made by those behind the lottery and media looking for a feel-good, down-and-out-turns-big-winner story.

The truth is many people play the lottery using one or a combination on a regular basis and either win big, or rake in a steady stream. You don’t read these stories, because it doesn’t make exciting news. (At least it doesn’t for non-winners). Winning the lottery can be done. It may take patience and some practice.

But it is possible. You can make it happen to you.

Within lottery playing circles, handling numbers (wheeling) is a much preferred and respected method over predicting numbers (filters, key numbers, number history analysis). But this doesn’t mean people don’t win using prediction methods.

Now that you have the knowledge, you can decide which method is the best for you.

Extra Lottery Dos and (mostly) Don'ts

- **Don't** play birth dates. (At least not solely).

Every one thinks that playing their birthday numbers (or their great great grandma's or their Aunt Trudy's or a combination of the three) is lucky. Think about how many people share your birthday. If you do win a reasonable prize, you will most likely have to share your winnings with many other winners.

- **Don't** play combinations that have been drawn before.

It is practically impossible, or at least there are crazy odds, that the same set will be drawn twice.

- **Don't** bet consecutive numbers.

A combination with successive numbers (23, 24, 25, 26, 27) has never been drawn in any state or international lotto game. And NEVER bet 1,2,3,4,5,6. Not only is this the most popular number selection, meaning you will have to share your jackpot with possibly hundreds of people, but it is also virtually impossible to draw.

- **Don't** bet one number group.

Filters are important but don't fall into the trap of choosing numbers from all one type, such as all teens. This group is also unlikely to be picked for every number drawn.

- **Don't** play all the same last digits or multiples. (2, 12, 22, 32, 42, 52 or 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30).

Another unlikely occurrence based on the stats.

- **Don't** pattern bet on betting slips.

You may think that choosing a straight or vertical line is cute. But lots of other people do also. There's that sharing thing again.

- **Don't** be greedy.

Reinvesting a smaller prize back in to playing the lottery seems like tempting fate. Take your winnings and run!

- **Don't** play an outrageous number of selections on an on-going basis.

Although more selections could make you more hopeful, it is gambling against very high odds. Don't risk what you can't afford. Ticket purchasing beyond your financial means borders on problem gambling. Be careful!

- **Do** include at least one high number.

The winning numbers could be something like: 8, 9, 4, 5, and 2. But do you ever remember it happening?

- **Don't** focus too much on the odds of becoming a millionaire. They might be huge, but every winner was once just like you. Regular people win with every jackpot draw. It really could happen to you.

Gail Howard, one of the most famous lottery gurus, says your state of mind can have a huge influence on whether you win or lose.

"Thoughts are charged with energy, especially when triggered by emotion," Howard says. "A negative thought attracts a negative response. Fear attracts exactly that which one fears. On the other hand, a strong desire for a particular goal that is charged with positive energy, attracts a positive response, especially when every effort is made to attain that goal. Therefore, if you have it in your mind that you are unlucky or a loser, you assuredly will be.

To be a winner, you must think of yourself as a winner."

Conclusion

There is **no** “Sure Fire” way to **always** win the lottery. If there was, the person that figured it out would be the richest man in the world.

But...

There **are** systems you can put in place to increase your odds of winning. They won't guarantee that you will win, but they will increase your odds and give you an edge over the thousands of other people playing the same lotto.

So take everything you've learned by reading this guide, do some more research using the following resources, and put what you know into action.

You might just be the next name in one of those lottery headlines. :)

Winners' Stories

A housewife in Belfast became the largest winner to go public since the UK National Lottery was started. Iris Jeffrey may have never realized she won the jackpot if she hadn't been watching TV when a story came on about the unclaimed prize.

When her daughter confirmed that she'd won after checking the ticket, Jeffrey said, "ooh I've won – that's nice." She had no idea, at that point, she was £20,100,472 richer.

A 37-year-old woman in Canada and her husband discovered their over \$18 million win just before they went to bed.

Judy Park and husband, Dean, decided to wait until morning to tell her four kids about the Lotto 6/49 win. "We didn't want to wake them up," Judy said. "We thought we'd just wait until the morning ...I did have trouble sleeping though."

A Tennessee man finally won the lottery after over a decade of playing. But he didn't win in his own state.

David Crowe, 56, had been playing the Alabama lottery for 12 years when he won \$200,000. He said he's been driving 17 miles to a gas station across the state line because he likes the customer service there.

Resource Guide

Online:

- www.naspl.org
North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries
Established in 1971, NASPL is an industry-based organization.
But there are links to lotteries across the continent.
- www.megamillions.com
Mega Millions
Check out places to buy tickets AND watch the jackpot grow!
- www.lotterycanada.com
Get the LOTTO SUPER 7 and LOTTO 6/49 numbers online.
- www.tattersalls.com.au
Perhaps the biggest online lotto from Down Under.
- www.Ozlotteries.com
Play the Ozzie lotto in more than one language.
- www.nzlotteries.co.nz
Win your weight in kiwis.
- www.national-lottery.co.uk
Read some unbelievable stories about past winners, discover
some crazy lottery facts and make the Queen even richer.
- www.needto.net
Lotteries analyzed: USA, Canada, UK and Australia.
- www.world-lotteries.org
Links to lotteries around the globe.
- <http://www.thailandlottery.com/>

Although it was still under construction when this eBook was finished, there is an amazing number of great links.

- www.satoripublishing.com/LottoScribe/index.html
From Satori Publishing (inc. 1993), this program prints out lottery tickets for you.
- www.usatoday.com/news/lottery/lotto.htm
Good for lotto results across the US.

Connect with other lottery players on the web:

- rec.gambling.lottery, alt.lotto.players
Browse these Google groups for information on lottery systems.
- www.saultstryders.com/lottogroups.htm
www.texaslottoclub.com
Lotto groups you might want to join, emulate or just check out.
- www.lotterypost.com
With lottery news, predictions and games to play, this site is an excellent place to connect with other lottery players and make your own voice heard.
- www.saliu.com/bbs/index.html
Philosophize on Socrates' World Message Board with lotto players from around the world.
- www.lotto649.ws
Check out this player's forum.

Magazines:

- www.gamblingmagazine.com
More than just lotto, everything a good gambler should know.
- www.lottoedge.com

Lotto Edge magazine.
Readers boast over
\$16 million in wins.

- www.lotteryinsider.com
Keeps visitors updated with
the latest headlines and
breaking news in lottery.
- www.lottopeople.com
Stories of success.
A real pick-me-up even
for non-players.
- www.lottery.com
A monthly installment of
\$9.95 brings you lottery news
and more.
- www.lafleurs.com
As makers of trade
publications, this one's only
for die-hards wanting info
on lottery sales, prizes and
net profit to government,
advertising budgets and
game design.

Books available on-line:

- www.gailhoward.com
www.smartluck.com
If Gail Howard is not the best at lottery wheeling and winning
strategies, she is at least the best known.

Available on amazon.com:

- The Lottery Book: The Truth Behind the Numbers

by Don Catlin

- Combinatorial Lottery Systems (Wheels) with Guaranteed Wins
by Iliya Bluskov
- The Basics of Winning Lotto/Lottery
by Professor Jones
- Pick your lucky Numbers: Easy ways to Play the lottery
by Signet Staff
- [Easy Dollars: At the Pick 3-Pick 4 Daily Lotto](#)
by Isaac E. Nwokogba
- [Exploit the Lottery and Win: A Step-By-Step Analysis](#)
by John Zenman
- [Lottery Numbers](#)
by Harry Schneider
- [The Lottery and Other Stories](#) by Shirley Jackson
Everyone should read Jackson's dark tale...it might even make
you think twice about playing the lottery!

Glossary of Lottery Terms

For people who are new to playing the lottery, some terms may be confusing. Take a look here before you ask a seasoned player what something means.

Agent (or retailer) - wherever lottery tickets are legally sold.

Annuity – collecting one's win over several years instead of asking for a lump sum.

Bonus Number – a number picked as an addition to the originally drawn numbers, used by players to win more prizes.

Boxed – system of betting where a three or four digit number pays off if those numbers are drawn in any order.

Breakopen (or pulltabs) - instant-win ticket where the buyer pulls open a flap to play.

Combo - betting with a three-digit number so it covers every sequence combination.

Daily Game - can be a game with winners once a day, but usually means a numbers game (like the Daily 3 or Daily 4 games played in several US states).

Double - a three or four digit number containing two same number digits. Example: 144.

Double-Double - a four-digit number with two doubles. Example: 1881.

Cash Payoff - opposite of annuity, the prize is paid out at one time, instead of spread out installments.

Cold Numbers – those numbers with fewest wins over a particular period of time.

Claim Form - the form that must be completed to claim prizes larger than a certain number (depending on the lottery), collects information that may be used to report winnings in the media or to the government if the country's laws require either

Draw - any lottery's results.

Exact Order (or straight) - numbers that are drawn in the same order as played.

Exotic Numbers - a set of numbers that aren't frequently picked.

Fixed Payouts - when prizes are set at a predetermined dollar amount, the payout is the same for every winning player, opposite of pari-mutuel systems

High-tier prize - a prize amount over a certain figure (depending on the game being played) that will require filling out a claim form for payment.

Hit Frequency – how often a number is drawn over a certain amount of time, higher hit frequency = hotter number.

Hot Numbers – opposite to cold numbers, those drawn most frequently, varies over time.

Instant Game – pre-printed tickets with a scratch-off coating that reveals on-site whether or not the player has won a prize.

Keno - a lottery where several numbers (usually 20) are drawn from a larger number base (usually 80). To play, numbers are selected (minimum of three, maximum of 10) and prizes are awarded based on how many of the player's numbers match those drawn.

Lottery - a game of any type where the player purchases a ticket to win a prize, with no skill involved.

Lotto Pool (or lotto club) - a group of people that teams up to buy lottery tickets to share the cost and the win, can be dozens and even up to hundreds of people.

Natural Selection - numbers selected by the player instead of a computer-generated selection done by the lottery terminal.

Off-line Game - one that doesn't need a computer terminal for purchasing.

Online Game - tickets are purchased through a computer network of terminals at retail outlets, which are linked to a central computer recording wagers.

Outstanding Numbers (or overdue numbers) - any numbers that have not been drawn for some time, more time increases a number's worth as outstanding.

Parimutuel/Pari-mutuel - common in many lotteries, the total available money is split between all winners at a particular prize level.

Passive Game - one with pre-printed numbers on tickets, numbers randomly drawn are matched up to the winner's ticket.

Powerball - a specific number of balls are picked at random without replacement from a container, the digits are numbered according to the lottery's rules (typically 1 to 49). Then, a sixth ball, called the powerball, is chosen from a second bin containing a certain number of balls. To play, a person chooses five primary numbers and a powerball number. Payoffs are made depending on how many original numbers match the player's choices and whether or not the powerball is the same.

Quad - A four-digit number consisting of the same number, such as 2222.

Quick Pick (or lucky dip) - numbers randomly selected by the kiosk computer

Repeat - any number with at least one digit drawn in the previous draw.

Rollover - when the lottery jackpot is not won, it “rolls over” to the next draw meaning a bigger jackpot.

To Wheel - playing the lotto using a wheeling system.

Tree System – much like a lottery wheel, this is a method of organizing numbers so that potential combinations are not missed.

Skip/Hit Pattern – used to determine how many times a number has been drawn throughout a lottery’s history.

Spiel – an add-on feature to a lotto game where players can pick extra numbers, common in Canada, but not in the US.

Sports Lottery – where a specific sporting event’s outcome determines who wins the lottery prize, less popular in North America than other parts of the world.

Super Lotto Plus (SuperLotto Plus) – a lottery game with higher prizes.

Terminal - a computerized device used by a retailer to sell lottery tickets and to validate winning tickets.

Virgin - refers to a number or combination that has never been drawn.

Wheeling System - system that organizes a set of numbers to increase the possibility of winning multiple prizes.

Withholding – how much will be deducted from prize payments according to the lottery’s regional laws.