Roulette is based around the notion of a spinning wheel. The American Roulette wheel is comprised of 38 slots, each numbered individually: 0, 00, 1, 2, 3, and all the way to and including 36. The English Roulette wheel is similar, however does not include the 00 in its wheel. Each numbered section of the wheel is hollow, making it easy for the spinning ball to "fall" into a section.

The numbers around the wheel alternate between pairs of even and pairs of odd numbers, in the same way that they alternate between red and black colorings on the numbers. The only two numbers in American Roulette who are not part of this equation are 0 and 00, as they are colored green.

The process of the game is that the dealer spins the wheel in one direction, while rolling the ball around the wheel in the opposite direction. It is purely by stroke of luck that the ball will roll into any particular number, unfortunately there is no mathematics involved!