



Long Activity
Ages 9–12
30–60 minutes

YES NO Barrier Game

Description

A game for two adapted from Battleship, in which each player takes a turn guessing where their opponent placed words on their game board.

Number of Participants

For a minimum of 2 participants

Space Considerations

Any space where participants may be seated for an activity

Competencies

- Eye-hand coordination
- Following directions
- Oral communication skills
- Spatial relationships
- Strategic thinking

Materials

- Game boards printed on card stock (one per participant)
- Word slips printed on card stock (one set of 12 words per participant)
- Barrier such as a board game lid (one per pair of participants)
- Paper
- Pencils or pens

Preparation

- Print out game boards
- Print and cut out word slips from the chosen language templates
- Print copies of the translation table for reference

Implementation

1. Distribute materials:
 - one game board and a set of animal word slips for each player
 - paper and a pencil or pen for each player, to take notes if needed
 - a barrier to place between the two players so that they cannot see each other's game board
2. Players set up for part one of the game.
 - Player 1 places an animal word slip in each square on their game board
 - Player 2 leaves their game board empty for the first part of the game
3. When the players are ready, Player 2 will ask three questions about each animal's position. For example:
 - Is the bear on the left?
 - Is the bear near the center?
 - Is the bear in a corner?
 - Is the bear beside the coyote?
 - Is the bear in the first row?
 - Is the bear in the first column?
4. Player 1 can only answer Player 2's questions with "Yes" or "No."
5. Player 2 may write notes as they begin to narrow down the position of each animal on the board.
6. This part of the game ends after 12 rounds of questions (3 questions per animal).
7. Player 2 tells Player 1 where they think each animal word slip is located.
8. Player 1 removes the barrier and reveals how many locations Player 2 guessed correctly.
9. The players then replace the barrier and switch roles. Player 2 places word slips on their game board and Player 1 must figure out where each animal is located.
10. The player who correctly identifies the most animal positions wins.

Accessibility Considerations

- Pre-cut word slips from the templates provided
- Make the game board boxes easier to locate by adding tactile features to the borders of the game board, such as:
 - Playdough
 - Wikki Stix
 - 3D markers

- Craft glue (once dried will become tactile)

Book Suggestions

It's a Mitig by Bridget George

Kudo Kids: Mystery of the Masked Medalist by Maia Shibutani, Alex Shibutani and Michelle Schusterman

Nibi is Water / Nibi Aawon Nbiish by Joanne Robertson

Siha Tookskin Knows: The Love of the Dance by Charlene Bearhead and Wilson Bearhead

Super Agent Jon Le Bon! A Virtual Adventure Season 2, Volume 1 by Alex A.

Images and Templates

- Example of filled game board
- English game boards
- Translation table
- English word slips
- Woodland Cree word slips
- Ojibway word slips
- Inuktitut word slips
- French word slips

YES NO BARRIER GAME		
Square #1 Bear	Square #2 Moose	Square #3 Beaver
Square #4 Wolf	Square #5 Woodchuck	Square #6 Raccoon
Square #7 Fox	Square #8 Sockeye Salmon	Square #9 Coyote
Square #10 Skunk	Square #11 Caribou	Square #12 Opossum

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ENGLISH	WOODLAND CREE	OJIBWAY	INUKTITUT	FRENCH
Bear	Maskwa	Makwa	◁ ^c ḥ ^b (black bear)	Ours
Moose	Mooswa	Mooz	▷ ^c ▷◁ ^{qb}	Orignal
Beaver	Amisk	Amik	<Γ▷ ^c	Castor
Wolf	Mahikan	Maa'ingan	◁LṖ ^{qb}	Loup
Woodchuck	Winsakacihp	Akakojiish	ḡ ^c ḥ ^b	Marmotte
Raccoon	Ocikomosis	Esban	ḡḋ ^a	Raton laveur
Fox	Mahkesis	Waagosh	ḡḡḡσ◁ ^{qb}	Renard
Sockeye Salmon	Mistamek	Mistamek	Cḡ▷ ^c Γ▷ ^c Δ ^{qb} ḡ ^b	Saumon rouge
Coyote	Mescakanis	Paashko-maa'ingans	◁LṖḡ ^{qb} (ḡΔḡḡ)	Coyote
Skunk	Sikak	Zhigaak	ḡḡ ^{qb}	Moufette
Caribou	Atihk	Adik	▷ ^c ▷	Caribou
Opposum	Pisiskesis	Ayaaniig	◁◁ ^c ḡ ^l	Opossum

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Mahikan Wolf	Winsakacihp Woodchuck	Ocikomosis Raccoon
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Makwa Bear	Mooz Moose	Amik Beaver
Maa'ingan Wolf	Akakojiish Woodchuck	Esban Raccoon
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<p>ᑕᑦᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ</p> <p>Skunk</p>	<p>ᑕᑦᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ</p> <p>Caribou</p>	<p>ᐱᑦᑕᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ</p> <p>Opossum</p>

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DEVINE OÙ – Cartes de mots en français

Ours Bear	Orignal Moose	Castor Beaver
Loup Wolf	Marmotte Woodchuck	Raton laveur Raccoon
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