

38. Food Security Game

Contributed by Peace Corps/Togo

Objective: To teach some fundamental concepts about food security



Ages: Middle, older



Materials: Index cards or pieces of paper, scissors, writing utensil







Time: 20 minutes



Procedure:



This game shows kids some of the factors that determine how food-secure people are. It was developed by Peace Corps/Togo; revise according to your country situation.



Prior to the start, copy the following card texts onto separate index cards or pieces of paper, or send the pages below through a copier and then cut with scissors. Laminating will enable you to use the cards repeatedly.



	Male		Female
Age	8	Age	8
Primary Work	Student	Primary Work	Student
Secondary Work	Trader of agricultural products	Secondary Work	Trader of agricultural products
Education Level	CP2	Education Level	CP1
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	0
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	Composting
Illness	Blind	Illness	None
Other	Orphan, doesn't speak native language	Other	Orphan



	Male		Female
Age	13	Age	13
Primary Work	Student	Primary Work	Apprentice
Secondary Work	Tree processor	Secondary Work	Gardener
Education Level	CM1	Education Level	CM1
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	0
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	Composting
Illness	HIV/AIDS positive	Illness	HIV/AIDS positive
Other	Member of an agriculture co-op	Other	Doesn't speak native language



	Male		Female
Age	22	Age	22
Primary Work	Gardener	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Mushroom grower	Secondary Work	Trader of agricultural products
Education Level	Primary	Education Level	Ninth grade
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	1
Green Techniques	Composting, alley farming	Green Techniques	None
Illness	None	Illness	Blind
Other	Owner of a well-groomed field	Other	Member of an agriculture co-op



	Male		Female
Age	45	Age	45
Primary Work	Teacher	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Pig breeder	Secondary Work	Trader of agricultural products
Education Level	University	Education Level	Sixth grade
Number of Children	5	Number of Children	6
Green Techniques	Composting	Green Techniques	None
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Handles livestock	Other	Doesn't speak native language



	Male		Female
Age	80	Age	80
Primary Work	Trader of agricultural products	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Farmer	Secondary Work	Gardener
Education Level	None	Education Level	None
Number of Children	7	Number of Children	4
Green Techniques	Composting	Green Techniques	Composting
Illness	Deaf	Illness	Deaf
Other	Illiterate, owner of a field, doesn't speak native language	Other	Illiterate, doesn't speak native language



	Male		Female
Age	9	Age	9
Primary Work	Student	Primary Work	Student
Secondary Work	Animal hunter	Secondary Work	Farmer
Education Level	CP2	Education Level	CP1
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	0
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	Green fertilizer
Illness	None	Illness	Leg amputee
Other	Doesn't speak native language	Other	Burns field after harvest



	Male		Female
Age	15	Age	15
Primary Work	Apprentice	Primary Work	Apprentice
Secondary Work	Animal hunter	Secondary Work	Converter of agricultural products
Education Level	CM1	Education Level	CM1
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	1
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	Natural insecticide
Illness	HIV/AIDS positive	Illness	None
Other	Doesn't speak native language	Other	Member of an agriculture co-op



	Male		Female
Age	25	Age	25
Primary Work	Teacher	Primary Work	Converter of agricultural products
Secondary Work	Pig breeder	Secondary Work	Mushroom farmer
Education Level	University	Education Level	Ninth grade
Number of Children	2	Number of Children	3
Green Techniques	Composting	Green Techniques	Green fertilizer, natural insecticide
Illness	Finger amputee	Illness	None
Other	Handles livestock	Other	Handles livestock



	Male		Female
Age	49	Age	49
Primary Work	Electrician	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Tree processor	Secondary Work	Farmer
Education Level	10th grade	Education Level	CM2
Number of Children	4	Number of Children	2
Green Techniques	Alley farming	Green Techniques	Alley farming
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Owner of a well-groomed field	Other	Illiterate, burns field after harvest



	Male		Female
Age	77	Age	77
Primary Work	Farmer	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	None	Secondary Work	Farmer
Education Level	None	Education Level	None
Number of Children	6	Number of Children	6
Green Techniques	Alley farming	Green Techniques	Green fertilizer
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Illiterate, owner of a well-groomed field	Other	Illiterate, doesn't speak native language

	Male		Female
Age	3	Age	3
Primary Work	None	Primary Work	None
Secondary Work	None	Secondary Work	None
Education Level	None	Education Level	None
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	0
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	None
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Orphan	Other	None

	Male		Female
Age	17	Age	17
Primary Work	Student	Primary Work	Student
Secondary Work	Peach grower	Secondary Work	Converter of agricultural products
Education Level	CM1	Education Level	CM1
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	1
Green Techniques	Green fertilizer	Green Techniques	Green fertilizer
Illness	None	Illness	HIV/AIDS positive
Other	Handles livestock	Other	Member of an agriculture co-op

	Male		Female
Age	21	Age	21
Primary Work	Pig breeder	Primary Work	Post office employee
Secondary Work	Driver	Secondary Work	Converter of agricultural products
Education Level	Primary school	Education Level	University
Number of Children	0	Number of Children	2
Green Techniques	None	Green Techniques	None
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Member of an agriculture co-op	Other	Handles livestock

	Male		Female
Age	41	Age	41
Primary Work	Driver	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Gardener	Secondary Work	Peach grower
Education Level	10th grade	Education Level	Sixth grade
Number of Children	2	Number of Children	5
Green Techniques	Natural insecticide	Green Techniques	None
Illness	None	Illness	None
Other	Owner of a well-groomed field	Other	Handles livestock

	Male		Female
Age	67	Age	67
Primary Work	Converter of agricultural products	Primary Work	Housewife
Secondary Work	Farmer	Secondary Work	Farmer
Education Level	None	Education Level	None
Number of Children	3	Number of Children	9
Green Techniques	Natural insecticide	Green Techniques	Green fertilizer
Illness	Deaf	Illness	None
Other	Illiterate, burns field after harvest	Other	Illiterate, doesn't speak the native language

Distribute a card to each kid, and ask them all to line up. Each kid reads the card they were given and then assumes that identity for the game. Now the leader of the game should read each of the sentences below (or revised sentences that you have written). After reading each sentence, each participant must take a step forward or backward, depending on who that person happens to be.

Sentence Examples:

1. If you are female, take a step back.
2. If you are under 18 or over 70 years, take a step back.
3. If your job gives you a fixed salary—for example, teaching or serving as a state employee—step forward.
4. If you are a gardener or farmer and you are using green technology, move a step forward.
5. If you are a gardener or farmer and you burn the field after the harvest, take a step back.
6. If your level of education is less than second grade, take a step back.
7. If you have children, move a step forward.
8. If you have more than three children, take a step back.
9. If you are infected with HIV/AIDS, take a step back.
10. If you do not have a disability or disease, advance a step.
11. If you do not speak your country's native administrative language, take a step back.
12. If you do farming, move a step ahead.
13. If you hunt animals, take a step back.