



FIT THE BUDGET PAPER GAME



Use the Organize Success Skill to arrange a budget.



Career Cluster

Money



Success Skill

Organize



Estimated Activity Time

25 – 30 mins



Group Size

Pairs, or Group

Prepare ahead of time

- Print materials
- Cut out pieces

Materials

- **Budget** (1 per player)
- **Equipment pieces** (1 for every 2 players)

Organize ASL Sign:

Each time you say **Organize** in this activity, please do the ASL sign:

Face the left and right palms towards each other and sweep from left to right.

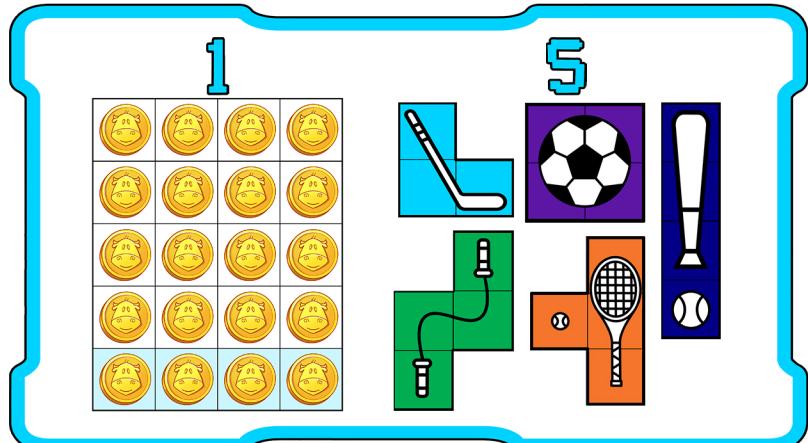
HOW TO PLAY: FIT THE BUDGET

BUDGET AND EQUIPMENT PIECES

Make groups of 2 or 4 players.

Every player gets 1 budget.

Every player gets 5 random sports equipment pieces.

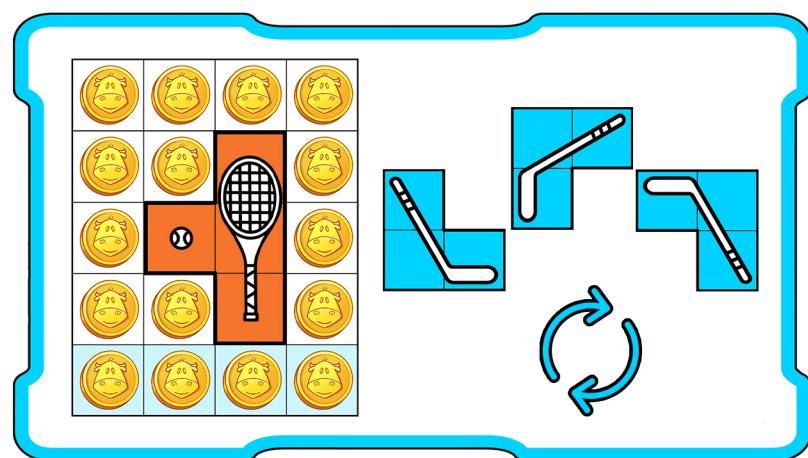


TRADE AND ROTATE

Sports equipment pieces are **Organized** on the budget.

Players can trade pieces.

Players can rotate pieces.

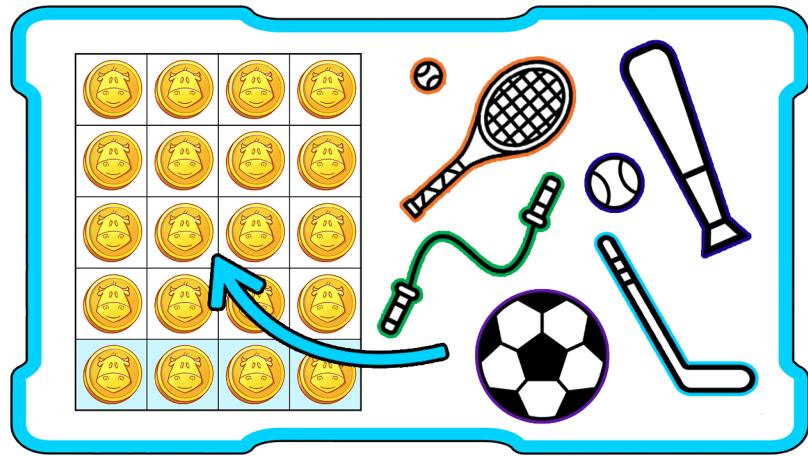


TREASURER CHALLENGE

Organize your budget with 1 piece of each equipment type.

Everyone wins when everyone can fit all 5 of their pieces!

For an extra challenge, don't use the bottom row!



GROUP MANAGEMENT

- Remember this is a cooperative game!
- Players might have to rearrange their budget even after everything fits.
- Encourage players to say, “over budget” and “under budget” when trading.
- Younger players can practice fitting any 5 pieces in their budget before doing the Treasurer challenge.

10 MIN: INTRODUCTION

Say, *“We are going to play a game about Treasurers. Treasurers don’t look for treasure, they manage money! They help decide how much money can be spent, and what to buy. They work in different places, like schools, banks, or companies, to help make decisions with the budget.”*

*Treasurers use the **Organize** Success Skill when they do their work. Treasurers **Organize** when they make a budget. A budget is a plan for how much money to spend and what to spend it on. For this game, you will be the Treasurer of a sports club. The Treasurer of a sports club buys the sports equipment!*

Everyone will get a budget with money in it. Your budget is how much money you have to spend on sports equipment. The moolah coins are the money. There’s one coin on each space in your budget. You buy the equipment pieces by putting them in your budget. Each piece costs the number of coins it covers up in your budget. Some pieces are bigger, so they cost more, and some pieces are smaller, so they cost less. You can rotate the pieces and move them around inside your budget.

As Treasurer, it’s your job to make sure you can fit the sports equipment pieces inside your budget. If you can’t fit everything inside your budget, you are over budget, you don’t have enough money for all your pieces! If you have extra money left over, you are under budget. Let’s play!”

5 MIN: REFLECTION

Have a brief discussion with children about the activity. **Say,**

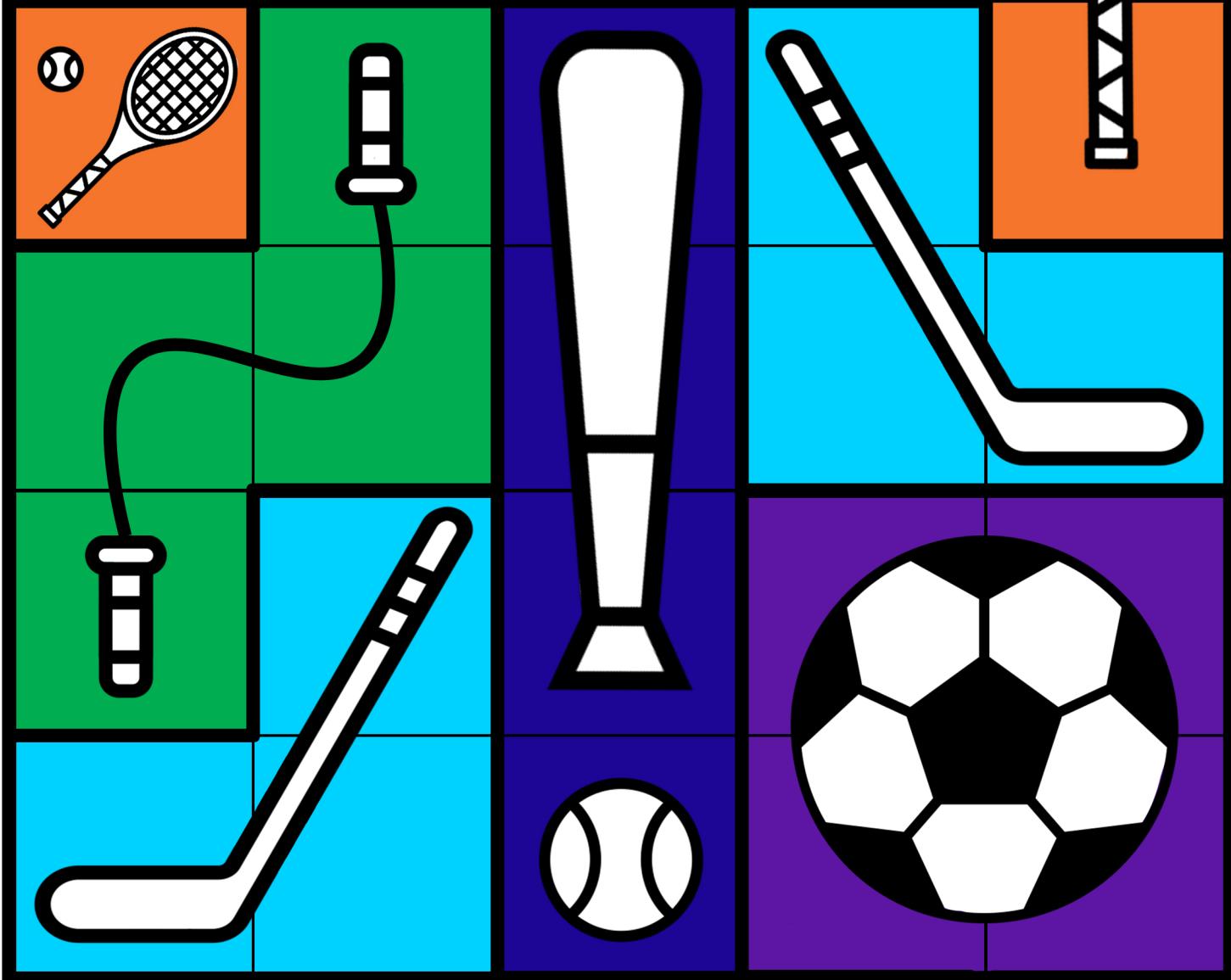
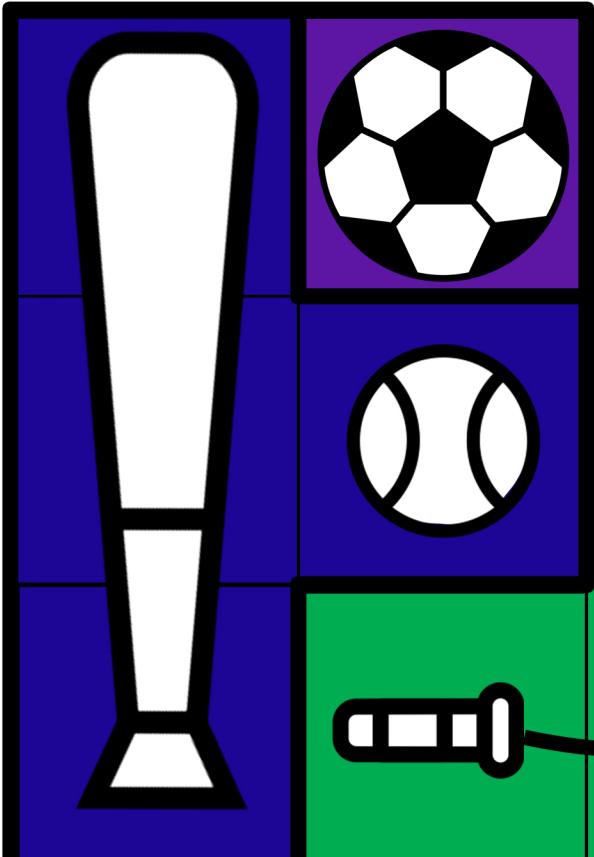
- *“What Success Skill did you use today?”*
- *“Why is it important to use the **Organize** skill when making a budget?”*
- *“What’s another job that also uses the **Organize** skill?”*



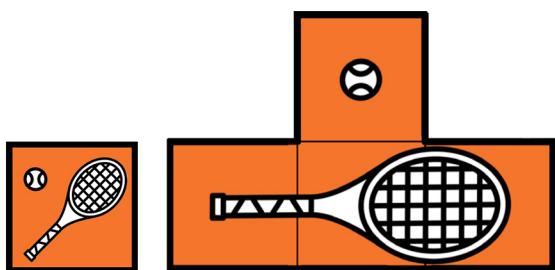
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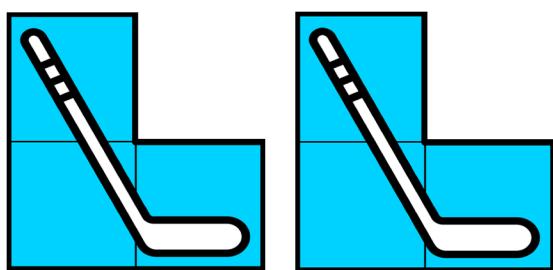
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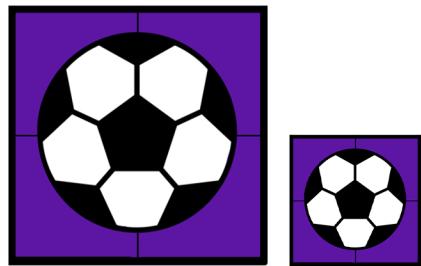
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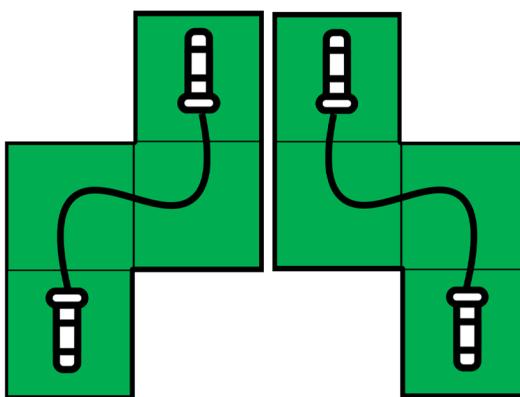
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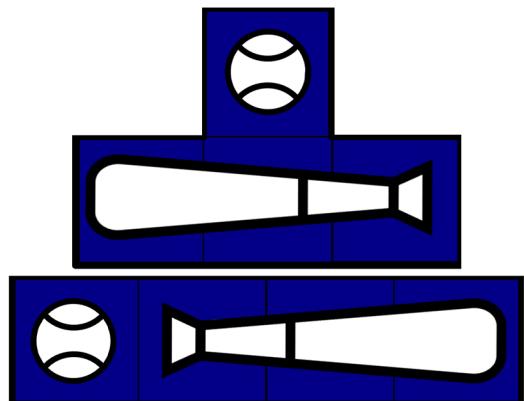
Hockey



Soccer



Jump Rope



Baseball

This is one possible answer. If both players have all 5 types of sports equipment pieces, and their pieces take up 16 squares, they will be able to win.

