Common Pool Resource (CPR) Game Introduction

Now you will complete a task for real money. In this next task, there will be several rounds, and in each round you will try to collect as many points as possible.

NO RULES: You are doing this task individually.

RULES: You will be randomly paired in groups of 4, (with 3 others) that are trying to collect points from the same pool of points as you.

Each round will last 21 seconds, and the points that are available will double every 3 seconds. We will now watch a demonstration. This is only for practice, do not push any buttons.

Run CPR Demonstration – The green bar shows how many points are available for you to collect. The number on the right shows how much time is left for you to collect points. Notice how the next round starts immediately after the first round ends.

Run CPR Comprehension - Now we will answer some basic questions about how the task works. This will not affect your earnings in any way, we just want to make sure that everyone understands how everything works.

RULES: Are there any questions? You can see that if you wait until the round ends *without* pressing any button, you earn 128 points. If you press "Collect" when the resource is at 128, you earn 128 points. The outcomes are the same.

Run CPR Practice (There will be a screenshot of the task for 60 seconds)

Now we will play a practice round, but this time you can collect points by pushing buttons. You will do this two times. Try once to press "Collect" before the round ends. The second time, do not press "Collect" at all and see how your points differ.

RULES

To collect points, press the YELLOW button that says "Collect". You will receive the amount of points on your screen when you hit the "Collect" button. If you do not hit the Collect button before the round ends, you will earn the amount on your screen.

No Rules

There are two different ways for you to collect points. If you push the BLUE button that says "Collect All", you will collect all of the available points and the round will end. If you push the YELLOW button that says "Collect and split" then you will share the points evenly with the other people in your group and the round will end.

If neither person pushes a button before the end of a round, both will receive zero points. At the end of the round you will be shown how many points you earned and why you earned that many points.

We will now play a few practice rounds so you can practice collecting points. This is not for real money and you will not be in a group.

Did everybody try pushing the buttons and collecting points? (If necessary, run another round of the practice)

The next several rounds of the task will be for real money. Each point is worth one shilling. At the conclusion of the task, the computer will randomly select one round, count the number of points you collected, and pay you one shilling per point.

RULES: Remember you are playing by yourself and trying to earn the most points possible.

NO RULES: You will not have the same group for the entire task. You may be re-matched into a different, randomly selected group. We will notify you when this occurs.

Finally, to ensure your privacy and concentration, we would like you to put on the headphones as you complete this task. The headphones will play a static sound – do not be alarmed by it. Try listening to the headphones now – put them on and take them off again, and if you do not hear a static sound, please raise your hand.

When instructed by the computer, please remove your headphones.

When I say go, put the headphones on and click OK. Once everybody clicks OK, the task will begin.

(Announce the first time that there is a change in partners and tell them to press OK)