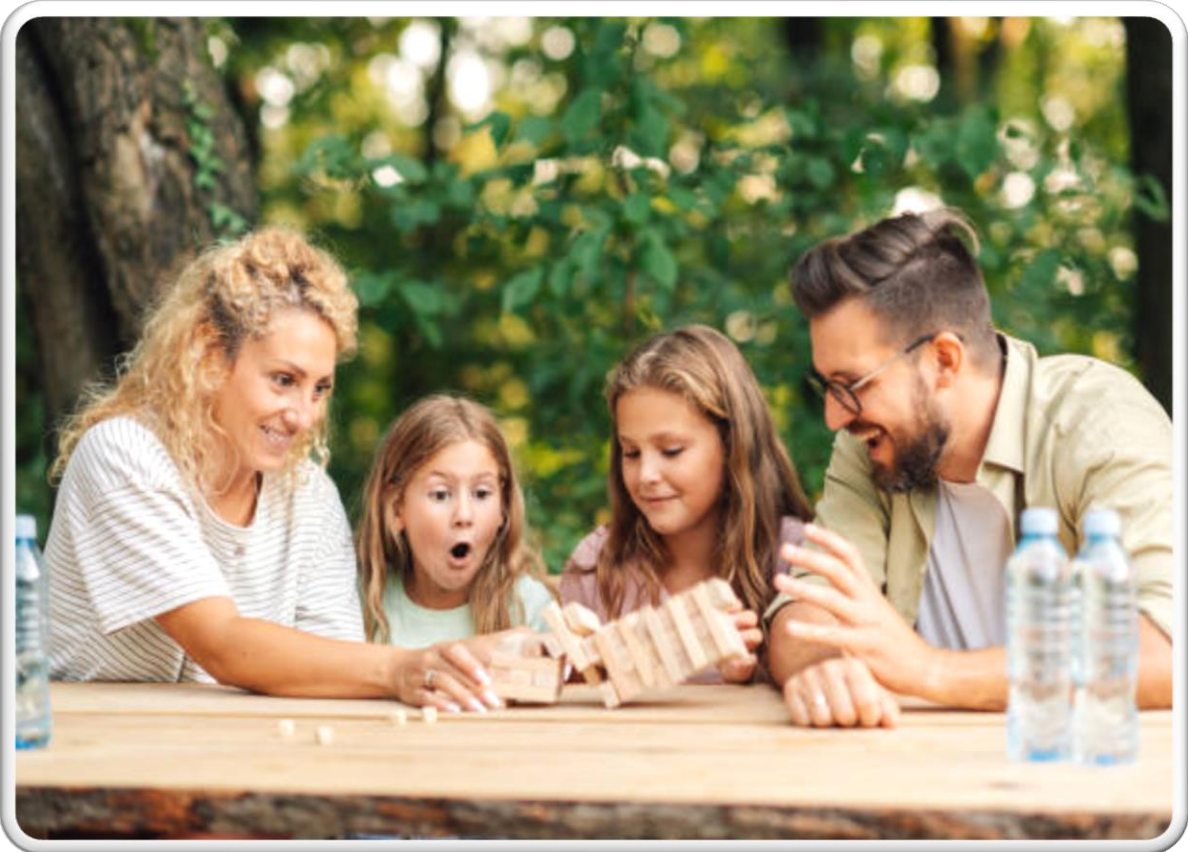


JENGA GAME



Objective:

The goal of **Jenga** is to be the last player to successfully remove a block and place it on top of the tower without causing the tower to collapse. The game continues until the tower falls, and the player who causes the collapse loses the game.

Components:

1. **Jenga Blocks:** The game consists of 54 wooden blocks. Each block is the same size and rectangular, measuring about 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) long, 0.75 inches (1.9 cm) wide, and 2.5 inches (6.4 cm) high. The blocks are stacked in rows of three, and each row is oriented in alternating directions (one row has the long side facing horizontally, and the next one faces vertically).
2. **Playing Surface:** The game is typically played on a flat surface, like a table or the floor, where the tower can be built without obstructions and can fall safely without damaging the environment.
3. **The Tower:** At the start of the game, the 54 blocks are arranged in a tower with 18 layers, each layer made up of three blocks. Players take turns removing one block from any layer (except the top one) and then place it on top of the tower, creating a new layer.

How to Play:

1. **Setting Up:**
 - Begin by stacking the 54 blocks to form a tower, with each layer of three blocks placed perpendicular to the previous layer.
 - The tower should be about 18 layers tall at the beginning.
2. **Gameplay:**
 - Players take turns removing one block from any layer of the tower (except the topmost layer) and placing it on the top of the tower. The block must be taken from the middle of a layer—blocks on the edges are not allowed to be moved.
 - After removing a block, the player carefully places it on top of the tower, trying to maintain the balance.

- Players should not use any tools or excessive force—only their hands can be used to pull out the blocks. They can tap or nudge the blocks, but the goal is to avoid disturbing the overall structure.

3. Rules:

- **Removing Blocks:** You can remove a block from any of the layers except the topmost one. Typically, players remove a block from the middle of a layer, not from the edges.
- **One Block per Turn:** Each player is only allowed to remove one block per turn.
- **Rebuilding the Tower:** Once a player removes a block, they must place it on top of the tower. The topmost layer must always be made up of three blocks.
- **No Tapping:** Some versions of Jenga allow tapping or wiggling blocks to loosen them. However, tapping the tower too hard or aggressively can cause it to topple, so it's essential to be careful.
- **No Touching:** Players are not allowed to touch or adjust the tower in any way except during their turn to remove and place a block. The tower must remain intact between turns.

4. Winning the Game:

- The game continues until the tower collapses. The last player who successfully places a block without causing the tower to fall is the winner.
- If the tower collapses during a player's turn, that player loses the game.

Jenga Strategy:

- **Choose Wisely:** When deciding which block to remove, look for loose or easy-to-pull blocks. Avoid pulling from layers that are heavily stacked or have an uneven weight distribution.
- **Steady Hands:** The key to winning is having steady hands and the ability to control your movements. Slow and deliberate actions help avoid disturbing the balance of the tower.
- **Balance is Key:** Always be aware of the structure of the tower as you add your block. Place the removed block on the top with care to maintain the tower's stability.

- **Don't Rush:** While speed can sometimes be an advantage, rushing could lead to mistakes and a toppled tower. Take your time to carefully remove a block.

Jenga Game Variations:

1. Giant Jenga:

- A large outdoor version of the classic Jenga game. The blocks are much bigger (often 2-3 feet tall), making the game more challenging and fun for large groups or parties. Giant Jenga can be played on grass or sand for added fun and excitement.

2. Jenga with Rules:

- Players can add extra rules to make the game more exciting, such as requiring players to:
 - Perform a silly task (like singing a song or telling a joke) before making their move.
 - Use only one hand to remove and place the blocks.
 - Time each player's turn and add a speed element.

3. Jenga with Challenges:

- Some versions of Jenga include challenges or cards with specific tasks, like "remove a block with your eyes closed" or "move a block from the third row up."

4. Jenga Extreme:

- In this version, players are allowed to pull blocks from the topmost layer if the rest of the tower is too wobbly to work with. It can also involve more strategic rules, like switching players after each round.

5. Jenga Truth or Dare:

- Players can write various truth-or-dare challenges on the blocks. When a player removes a block, they must either complete the dare or answer the truth associated with it before placing the block on top.

Tips for Playing Jenga:

1. **Focus on the Center:** Try to pull blocks from the middle of the layers rather than the edges, as removing them from the center will typically cause less destabilization.
2. **Be Strategic:** If the game is getting tense, consider making moves that will create challenges for the other players, such as removing blocks that are critical to the tower's stability.
3. **Take Your Time:** Don't rush your move. The key is precision, and moving too quickly can make you lose control of the tower.
4. **Be Mindful of Balance:** When placing your block on top, ensure that it's balanced evenly and not leaning too much to one side.
5. **Keep Calm:** Jenga can become quite nerve-wracking as the tower gets taller. Staying calm and focused can help you stay steady as the game progresses.

Benefits of Playing Jenga:

1. **Improves Fine Motor Skills:** Jenga is a great way to practice hand-eye coordination, especially in younger children.
2. **Teaches Patience and Strategy:** The game involves strategic thinking and decision-making, as players must choose which blocks to remove carefully to avoid causing the tower to fall.
3. **Social Interaction:** Jenga is a fun social game that encourages friendly competition and interaction between players. It's great for parties, family gatherings, and team-building activities.
4. **Stress Relief:** The physical aspect of Jenga, combined with the focus required, can be surprisingly relaxing, helping to reduce stress and anxiety.
5. **Develops Concentration:** Players need to focus and concentrate to make sure their moves are precise and the tower doesn't collapse.

Where It's Played:

- **Indoor or Outdoor:** Jenga can be played in almost any environment, though it works best on a flat, stable surface. Larger versions are often played outside at parties, BBQs, and festivals.

- **Parties and Gatherings:** Jenga is a popular party game because it's easy to set up, can accommodate large groups, and is fun to watch.
- **At Home:** A perfect family or game night activity. It's suitable for all ages and doesn't require much setup.

Fun Facts:

- **Jenga Origin:** Jenga was created in 1978 by Leslie Scott, a British designer, and it's derived from the Swahili word "Jenga," which means "to build."
- **Popular Worldwide:** Since its release, Jenga has become a global phenomenon, with multiple variations and editions of the game now available.