**What is the Hoop Game?**

The Hoop Game is a turn-based counting challenge where two players take turns counting upwards from 1. But here’s the catch: whenever the current number is divisible by a secret “hoop number,” players must say **“Hooop”** instead of the number. If a player messes up — either by saying the wrong number or forgetting to say “Hooop” when they should — they lose a heart. Each player starts with three hearts, and when a player runs out of hearts, the other player wins!

**How to Play**

1. **Pick a hoop number:**  
   The game randomly selects a number between 3 and 10. This number is the “hoop number” — the multiple players need to watch for.
2. **Take turns counting:**  
   Players alternate saying the next number in the sequence, starting from 1.
3. **Say “Hooop” on multiples:**  
   When a number is divisible by the hoop number, instead of saying the number, the player must say “Hooop”.
4. **Losing hearts:**  
   If a player says the wrong number or forgets to say “Hooop” when they should, they lose a heart.
5. **Winning:**  
   The first player to lose all three hearts loses the game. The other player wins!

**Why We Love the Hoop Game**

* **Simple yet engaging:** It’s easy to understand but challenging to master, especially as the counting gets higher.
* **Builds focus:** Players have to pay attention and quickly decide whether to say the number or “Hooop.”
* **Perfect for any setting:** Whether you’re hanging out with friends, on a road trip, or just killing time, this game is a great choice.
* **No equipment needed:** All you need is your voice and a bit of attention!

**How I Built the Hoop Game in Python**

Curious how to make your own version? Here’s a quick rundown of how I programmed the Hoop Game using Python:

* I created a **Player** class to keep track of player names and hearts.
* The program randomly chooses a hoop number between 3 and 10.
* Players take turns inputting the correct number or “Hooop”.
* The program checks if the input is correct depending on whether the number is divisible by the hoop number.
* If a player makes a mistake, they lose a heart.
* The game continues until one player runs out of hearts.

This simple code lets you play the game right in your console, and it’s easy to customize or expand — for example, adding more players, rounds, or a scoreboard!

**Ready to Play?**

Try out the Hoop Game with your friends and see who keeps their hearts the longest! If you want the code to try it yourself, just ask — I’d be happy to share it.

**Final Thoughts**

The Hoop Game is a perfect example of how a simple idea can turn into a fun and addictive challenge. It sharpens your mind, encourages friendly competition, and can be enjoyed anywhere, anytime.

So next time you want to spice up your game night, give the Hoop Game a shot — it’s a blast!