

JavaScript Rock Paper Scissors Instructions

Rock paper scissors is a classic two player game. Each player chooses either rock, paper, or scissors. The items are compared, and whichever player chooses the more powerful item wins.

The possible outcomes are:

- Rock destroys scissors.
- Scissors cut paper.
- Paper covers rock.
- If there's a tie, then the game ends in a draw.

Our code will break the game into four parts:

1. Get the user's choice.
2. Get the computer's choice.
3. Compare the two choices and determine a winner.
4. Start the program and display the results.

1	<p>The user should be able to choose 'rock', 'paper', or 'scissors' when the game starts.</p> <p>Using <code>const</code> and arrow function syntax, create a function named <code>getUserChoice</code> that takes a single parameter <code>userInput</code>.</p>
2	<p>Since a user can pass in a parameter, such as 'Rock' or 'rock' with different capitalisations, begin by utilizing JavaScript's <code>toLowerCase()</code> function to make the <code>userInput</code> all lowercase.</p> <p>You can use code like this:</p> <pre>userInput = userInput.toLowerCase();</pre>
3	<p>When getting the user's choice, you should also check to make sure that the user typed a valid choice: 'rock', 'paper', or 'scissors'.</p> <p>Inside <code>getUserChoice()</code>, write an <code>if/else</code> statement that makes sure the <code>userInput</code> is either 'rock', 'paper', or 'scissors'. If it does, then <code>return</code> the <code>userInput</code>. If not, use <code>console.log</code> to print an error message to the console.</p>
4	<p>Test the function by calling it with valid and invalid input, and printing the results to the console.</p> <p>You can delete this when you know your function works.</p>
5	<p>Now we need to have the computer make a choice.</p> <p>Create a new function named <code>getComputerChoice</code> with no parameters. Inside its block, utilize <code>Math.random()</code> and <code>Math.floor()</code> to get a whole number between 0 and 2. Then, depending on the number, <code>return</code> either 'rock', 'paper', or 'scissors'.</p>
6	<p>Test the function by calling it multiple times and printing the results to the console.</p> <p>You can delete this when you know your function works.</p>

7	<p>Now it's time to determine a winner.</p> <p>Create a function named <code>determineWinner</code> that takes two parameters named <code>userChoice</code> and <code>computerChoice</code>. This function will compare the two choices played and then <code>return</code> if the human player won, lost, or tied.</p> <p>Let's deal with the tie condition first. Within the <code>determineWinner()</code> function, write an <code>if</code> statement that checks if the <code>userChoice</code> parameter equals the <code>computerChoice</code> parameter. If so, <code>return</code> a string that the game was a tie.</p>
8	<p>If the game is not a tie, you'll need to determine a winner.</p> <p>Begin by writing an <code>if</code> statement that checks if the <code>userChoice</code> is <code>'rock'</code>. Inside the <code>if</code> statement's block, write another <code>if/else</code> statement. The inner <code>if/else</code> should check if the <code>computerChoice</code> is <code>'paper'</code>. If so, <code>return</code> a message that the computer won. If not, <code>return</code> a message that the user won.</p>
9	<p>Next, write another <code>if</code> statement for if the <code>userChoice</code> is <code>'paper'</code>.</p> <p>Inside this <code>if</code> statement, the <code>computerChoice</code> must be either <code>'scissors'</code> or <code>'rock'</code>. Write logic that will <code>return</code> a winner.</p>
10	<p>Next, write yet another <code>if</code> statement for if the <code>userChoice</code> is <code>'scissors'</code>.</p> <p>Inside of this <code>if</code> statement, the <code>computerChoice</code> must either be <code>'rock'</code> or <code>'paper'</code>. Write logic that will <code>return</code> a winner.</p>
11	<p>Don't forget to test your function!</p>
12	<p>Everything is set up. Now you need to start the game and log the results.</p> <p>Create a function named <code>playGame</code>.</p> <p>Inside the <code>playGame()</code> function, create a variable named <code>userChoice</code> set equal to the result of calling <code>getUserChoice()</code>, passing in either <code>'rock'</code>, <code>'paper'</code>, or <code>'scissors'</code> as an argument.</p> <p>Create another variable named <code>computerChoice</code>, and set it equal to the result of calling <code>getComputerChoice()</code>.</p> <p>Under both of these variables, use <code>console.log</code> to print them to the console.</p>
13	<p>Finally, let's determine who won.</p> <p>Inside the <code>playGame()</code> function, call the <code>determineWinner()</code> function. Pass in the <code>userChoice</code> and <code>computerChoice</code> variables as its parameters. Make sure to put this function call inside of a <code>console.log()</code> statement so you can see the result.</p> <p>Then, to start the game, call the <code>playGame()</code> function on the last line of your program.</p>

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Stretch & Challenge

Make this game better by adding a secret cheat code. If a user types 'bomb' as their choice, then make sure they win, no matter what.