

A game by Bruno Cathala and Ludovic Maublanc For 3 to 10 players, ages 10 and up

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### COMPONENTS

50 question cards
5 rule cards

# GOAL AND OVERVIEW OF THE GAME

Score as many points as possible.

Players score points by giving CORRECT answers to the questions. Players lose points when they give INCORRECT answers. Of course, what is considered CORRECT or INCORRECT depends on the situation, as you shall see...

### THE GAME

Shuffle the question cards.

Choose a first reader. Turn order doesn't matter; each player will be the reader once.

The reader must face all the other players, so everyone can see him well.





He takes the deck of question cards in his left hand. He places the cards face-down, so the questions are not visible.



He takes the first card of the pile in his right hand, hiding the back from the other players, and reads aloud a question of his choice from the card.





AT THE SAME TIME he FINISHES reading the question, he shows his left hand to the players, revealing the back of the next card (on top of the question deck). He doesn't show the back of the card on which the question was written (the one in his right hand).

All the players can now answer the question aloud.

Only the first answer to be heard will be taken into account. Note: If an answer is multiple words (for example, "Green is made with which two colors?"), the first player to talk is considered to be the first to answer. If many players answer at the same time, the reader decides who spoke first.



We then verify whether the player has given a CORRECT answer:



 If the card shows RIGHT, the expert, or a green circle, the players must give a RIGHT answer to the question, i.e. answer the question correctly, in order to be considered CORRECT.



 If the card shows WRONG, the dunce, or a red square, the players must give a WRONG answer to the question, but still in the category requested, in order to be considered CORRECT.
 For example, if the question asks for a color as an answer, players must answer with a wrong color.

Therefore, for the same question (from one game to another), players must sometimes give a right answer and sometimes a wrong one.



If the player who answered first gave a CORRECT answer (wrong or right, depending on the back of the top card of the deck), he earns 1 point.

If the player who answered first gave an INCORRECT answer (right when we were asking for wrong, wrong when we were asking for right, or an answer that doesn't fit the category), he loses 1 point.

To keep track of the score, use paper or give the question card to the player. He can place the card face-up for a positive point and face-down for a negative point.

# Examples of CORRECT answers when we must be WRONG.

The Smurfs are which color?

· Green, red, yellow, etc.

Grapes are used to make what kind of alcohol?

• Beer, vodka, gin, etc.

What legendary creature breathes fire?

Unicorn, Griffin, etc.

In its format, each question already indicates what type of answer is expected: a color, a country, a singer, a value, etc. We wrote the type of answer expected in **bold**. The reader decides whether a contestable answer is part of the requested category. The right answers are written in **green** after the question.

Some questions, called "absurd questions", don't have logical answers. For example: "What color are the letters of the alphabet?" Absurd questions are written in **blue**.



When the reader reads an absurd question, the only CORRECT answer is: Think again!

Any other answer is considered INCORRECT, and will cause the first player who answered to lose a point.

You can of course decide to agree on another answer to absurd questions, such as "I don't think so" or "Really?".

Note: As always, the reader shows the back of the next card when he reads an absurd question.

## NEW READER AND END OF THE GAME

Each reader reads 5 questions consecutively on 5 different cards. He then passes the deck to the next player, who will be the new reader.

Once all players have been reader, the one with the most points wins the game. In case of a tie, the one with fewer negative points wins. In case of another tie, they all win!

If there are just a few people playing, don't hesitate to have each reader read more questions.



### **GROUPS**

The game is played in three rounds. Form teams of two players. If there is an odd number of players, one team will have 3 players. For this team, one of the players will not play the first round and another player will not play the second. Note the points on a sheet of paper.

#### First round

In turns, each player has a limited time of 30 seconds to answer as many questions as he can, asked by one of his teammates. Every correct answer is worth 1 point to the team. Teams don't lose points for incorrect answers. Opposing teams check the answers.

#### Second round

The rules are the same as in the first round, but each correct answer worth 2 points to the team. The tension is high! In addition, for this round, the first incorrect answer ends the player's turn, even if he still has time. Read this rule again, you might forget it!



## Third round

Each player reads three questions to all (everyone may answer). Every correct answer is worth 3 points to the answering team and every incorrect answer makes the answering team lose 3 points.

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