

OBJECT? DESCRIPTION!

A GAME

It is important that geologists and Earth scientists have good description skills so they can observe and identify different types of rocks, fossils and other natural marvels. This game aims to improve and stretch your description skills, whilst having fun with your friends over video call! In the game you will be racing against each other to find objects in your house that match a description.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- A pen and paper
- Objects from around the house
- Two containers (bowl, hat, socks...)
- A dice
- A computer to make a video call with your classmates/ friends.

GAME SET UP:

1. Video call everyone who is playing in the game!
2. Choose one person to write out the name of everyone who is playing on small pieces of paper, then fold them in half and put in a small container. You will use this to pick out names too see who is playing in each round.
3. Choose one person (the same or different person as before) to write out at least 20 description words and colours on small pieces of paper, fold in half and put them in another container. All the players can think of words, but make sure one person is writing them down and putting them in the same container. If you are stuck, use the words below to help you. You will be picking out a number of these words to see what you need to find in each race.



When you have finished setting up, one person will have two containers like this.

GAME PLAY:

In each round, the number of players will be chosen along with the number description words by rolling a dice and using the table below. The players then race to find an object from within their house which matches the description words. For example, if the words that get picked out of the container are red and smooth, you are looking for an object that is both red and smooth. The more words that are picked, the harder it will be to find an object to match the description. If you have less than four players, you can make your own table so that it suits your game.

Number rolled on dice	Number of players to be chosen	Number of description words to be chosen
1	2	1
2	3	2
3	3	3
4	4	1
5	4	2
6	Everyone!	3

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Roll the dice. Using the table above, find the number of players and description words to be chosen.
 2. Pick players from the 'names of players' container. These are the players in this round.
 3. Pick the description words from the other container. This tells you the description of an object you need to look for. Make sure everyone knows the meaning of the words!
 4. Count down (3...2...1...!) and the players set off to find an object to match the description.
 5. The first person back with an object that matches the description wins a point! Keep track of points with a score board. The person with the most points at the end wins.
- Keep the description words out of the container, so that you can play until there are no more words left in the 'description words' container.
- After everyone has had a turn, replace all the names back into the 'names of players' container and continue playing.

EXAMPLE:

A player rolls the dice and gets a five. Using the table above, four names are chosen from the names container and two description words are picked out and are sparkly and green. The four players picked out are racing against each other to find an object that is sparkly and green. Everyone counts down 3...2...1! And the players in this round set off to find the object in their house. The first player that gets back to the computer with an object that matches the description wins a point!

IMPORTANT!

Please make sure that your parents know what you are up to! Be careful when looking round your house, be sensible and safe. Don't take any objects that are fragile or very special to someone in your house, they probably will not want you to use them in this game! Only take things that are safe and not dangerous. Put everything back where you found them at the end of the game.