



Mancala

(Ages 6 - Adult)

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WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD

This toy has small parts. Keep away from children under 6 years. Instruct older children to keep toy out of mouth.

Contents: 1 Mancala Board, 72 Stones.

Object: Two players compete against each other trying to accumulate as many stones as possible before one of the players clears his side of all its stones.

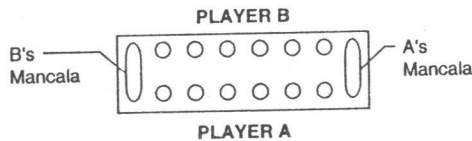
Set Up: The players sit facing each other with the board between them. Each player is allocated the row of small bins closest to him and a larger scoring bin or mancala to his right. Place 6 stones in each of the smaller bins. Decide which player will move first by flipping a coin.

Play: The first player picks up all the stones in any of his 6 small bins. He then starts to sow them by placing one stone in each bin to the right or counterclockwise around the board, including his own mancala—but not his opponent's mancala. If the player places his last stone in his own mancala, he then gets another turn. If the last stone is placed in an empty bin on his side of the board, he captures all the stones in his opponent's bin directly across from that bin. All captured stones plus the capturing stone get placed in his mancala. Once a player touches the stones, he must play them. Players are not allowed to touch the stones to count them.

Winning: The game ends when one of the players runs out of stones in his small bins. When this happens, the other player gets to place any stones remaining in his bins into his mancala. (It's not always wise to be the first player to go out.) The winning player is the one ending up with the most stones.

Example: After a number of moves, Player A ends up with 10 stones in bin #4. On his next move, he may take those 10 stones and sow them to his right, placing one stone in each bin, no.'s 5, 6, his mancala, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and skipping player B's mancala, places his last stone in bin #1. Since this bin happens to be empty, he is able to capture all the stones in player B's bin #12. Player A takes all of those stones plus the capturing stone in bin #1 and places them in his mancala, thus ending his turn. (See diagram)

Note: There are many variations of Mancala and this is one of the most common. If you're interested in other versions, your local library may have more information.



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