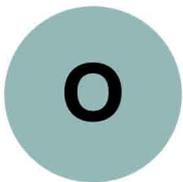
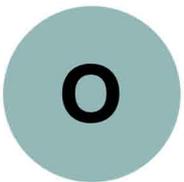
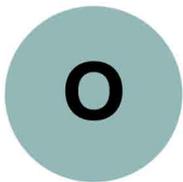
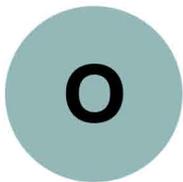
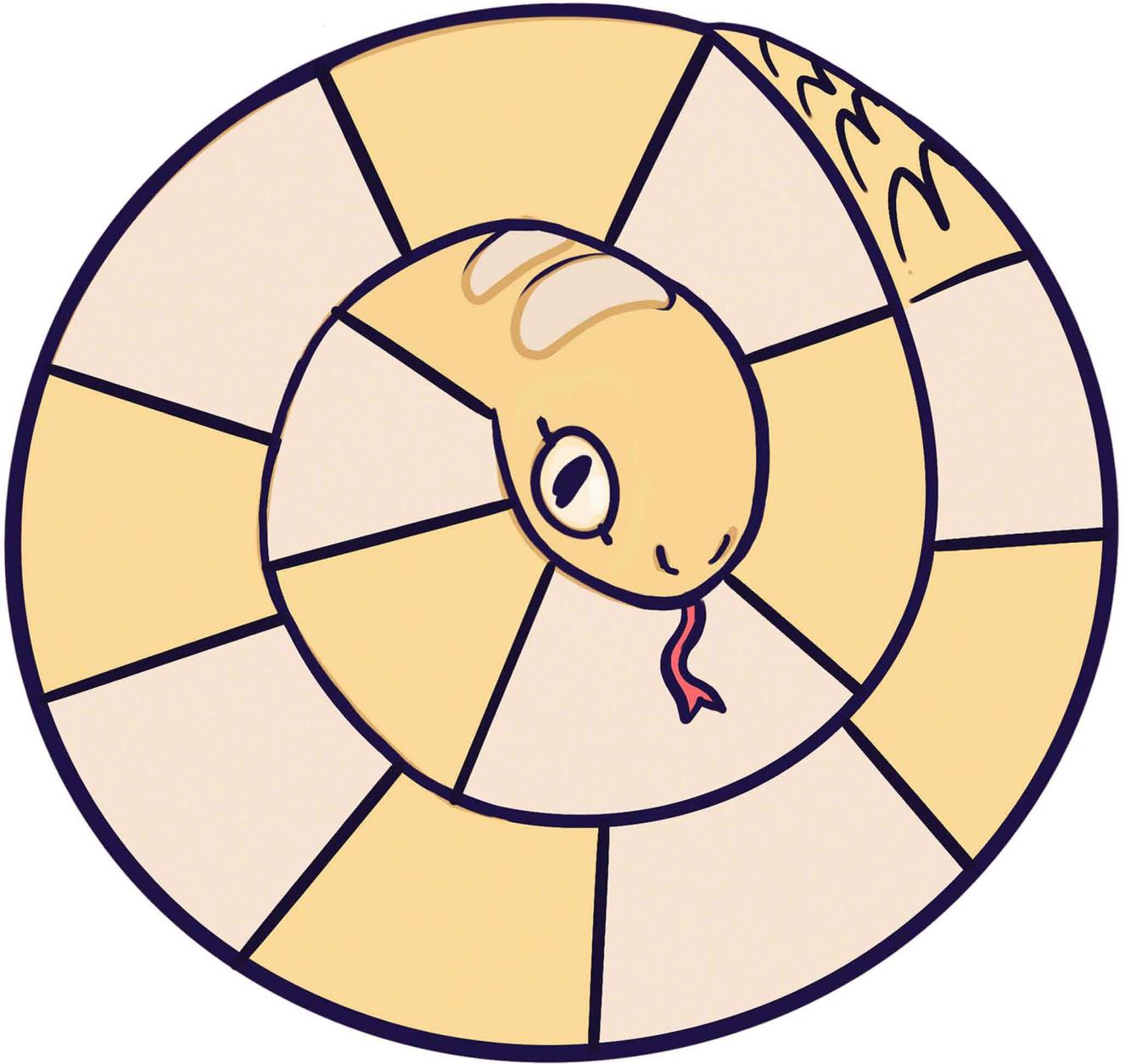


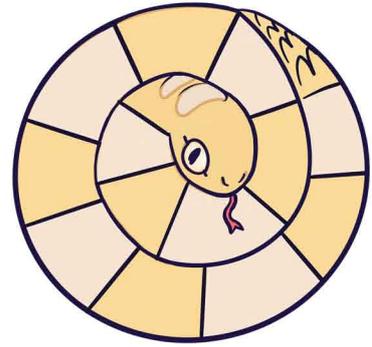
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You will need:

Scissors (and an adult to help you!)
Colouring pens
Four lolly sticks



How to make your Mehen board game:

1. Cut out the snake board, counters and lions.
2. On the back of each counter, copy the same symbol that is on the front. For example, if there is an 'X' on the counter, put an 'X' on the back.
3. Colour in one side of each of your lolly sticks (these will be your throwing sticks and you will use them to find out how many spaces you can move).



How to use your throw sticks:

Gently throw all the sticks in the air at the same time. When they land, count how many coloured sides you can see. This is the number you have thrown and the number of spaces you can move. If no coloured sides are showing, you miss a go and it is the next player's turn.

Mehen instructions

How to play the game:

These instructions are for two people. If you are playing with more people, divide up the counters evenly and make an extra hungry lion for each additional player.



1. Give each player four round counters and one hungry lion.
2. The youngest player throws the sticks first. If they throw a '1', they put a counter into the first space on the board. If they throw any other number, they miss their go.
3. It is now the other player's turn. They must also throw a '1' to start. If they throw any other number, they miss their go and play returns to the first player.
4. Keep going - taking turns - until all of your own counters (except the lion) are on the first square on the board.
5. Once all of your own counters (except the lion) are on the board, you can start moving them round towards the snake's head in the middle. You can pick which counter to move on each go. Any number of counters can be on the same space at many time.
6. When each counter reaches the snake's head, you must turn it over to start its return journey back to the tail.
7. When one of your counters has made it back, you can start your lion counter.
8. Move your lion counter around the snake towards the head like all your other counters, but on the way back your lion can eat up any of your opponent's counters that get in its way! To eat an opponent's counter, your lion must land on the same square. Lions cannot eat each other! The winner is the person whose lion has eaten the most counters!



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