

THE BEANBAG TRIVIA GAME

To prepare for this game, construct a target such as the one shown below. Have a dry erase board or large tablet available, along with a marker, to keep track of the points scored. Acquire a collection of beanbags and gather your set of questions/visual aids. Provide a wide range of aids to accommodate participants of different cognitive abilities. You may have questions on farm living, zoo animals, food, colors, or sports and you should include pictures to identify such as chickens, bus, fry pan, balloon, etc. For a more advanced individual, you may present a printed question that they must read on their own before answering. Everyone should have the opportunity to give a correct answer. Once that answer is given, the participant tosses a beanbag at the target and is given the number of points scored. Suggestions for questions, words, or pictures are given below.

When participants gather, seat them in a large circle around the target so everyone is equidistant.

From what animal do we get milk ?

What animal has an extremely long neck?

What sport is played with a bat ?

Where would you go to find perch and walleyes ?

What green vegetable comes in a pod ?

What animal would you want in your house to catch mice?

What is a Buick ?

What are teal, ebon, crimson, and ecru ?

What would you buy at Starbucks ?

What do we get from a sheep ?

What are Mallards, Scaups, Red Heads ?

Where would you find a polar bear ?

What vegetable is known as the "Pie Plant" ? (rhubarb)

Why would you spray your garden ?

What are pantaloons ?

How many states are there ?

When are you told to say "cheese" ?

How would you catch a rat ?

What are a .22, a 12 gauge, a 16 gauge, and a muzzle loader ?

Why would you use a colander ?

Name something that lives in a tree.

What can you catch with a net ?

From what do you make a jack-o-lantern ?

From what animal do we get bacon ?

What sport is played with a puck ?

What vegetable comes on ears ?

What animal lives in a swamp ?

Mary had a little?

What color is a Holstein cow ?

What is a palomino ?

Who was Babe Ruth ?

What plant gives you an itchy rash ?

What might you put in a kettle of chili ?

Where might you find a spider ?

Gather a variety of colorful pictures from magazines. Be sure to use pictures featuring one item to avoid

confusion on the part of the participant. Questions about the pictures might include, "What is this?", "What color is this?", "Where might you find this?". Use closed questions that do not require reasoning or discussion. You could also borrow the silhouettes from the Montessori box. Whatever you are using, be certain that each participant has the opportunity to answer questions correctly.

The target is made from poster board.

To begin, first trace around a plate or bowl of 9-10" diameter on red poster board and cut it out. Fold to find the middle and cut it in half.

Next, lay one half on a piece of white poster board with the straight edge even with the edge of the white paper. Using a ruler, place the end against the edge of the half-circle and make a mark at 3". Move a short distance around the circle and mark 3" again. Continue around the half circle until you have several marks. Using a pencil, connect the marks to form another half circle, this one white and cut it out. Now do this again so when combined you have one large white circle. Next you will use the white half circle to cut an even larger red one in the same manner as before. Each set of half circles will be glued together. Then place one set of half circles on a piece of black poster board with the straight edge along the edge of black paper and glue. Lay the second set of half circles on another piece of black, straight edge to straight edge., matching the rim to the first set. Glue in place. Lay the two large half-circle sets together so they form a full circular target. Tape lightly at the edge and

then turn the entire piece over. On the back side, ensuring the two pieces are straight, run a piece of packing tape along the seam. You can then remove the tape from the front. The target is constructed in this way so it can be folded in half and easily stored.



You can do a very fast temporary target by laying several pieces of different colored construction paper on the floor adjacent to each other. Draw a point number on each piece and secure them to the floor or carpet with a small rolled piece of masking tape on the back.