

SHELLFISH

A Game of Aquatic Odds and Evens

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3-player simultaneous play, ages 5-and-up.

MATERIALS: 3 pentagonal "coral" boards, 33 "plant" tokens, 3 differently-colored dice.

STORY: You are a coral reef, competing with other coral reefs for plants!

SETUP:

- Print & cut-out 3 player game boards.
- Collect 33 tokens, 11 per board, each small enough to fit in the board center (beads, pennies, etc.).
- Everyone places a plant-token in the 11 areas on their coral board.

PLAY: Everyone rolls their dice simultaneously and looks at the results:

- If 2 players roll even numbers & the 3rd rolls odd, or 2 are odd & the 3rd is even, **the odd/even-person-out loses a plant to the center "Tidepool"**.
- If **all roll evens**, everyone takes a plant from the center.
- If **all roll odds**, everyone loses a plant to the center.
- If **2 players roll the same number**, the 1st to say "Shellfish" takes a plant from the other and adds it to their coral reef (they are being "shellfish"-- get it?). Odd/even-person-out still puts plant in the center.
- If **all 3 roll the same number**, the 1st to say "Shellfish" takes a plant from each of the other two (rules for all odd or even still apply!).
- If it is unclear who said "Shellfish" 1st, roll dice to break tie (highest wins).
- If a player says "Shellfish" when their dice was not part of a match, they lose one plant to the center.
- When 1 player is out of plants, the player with the most plants wins!

ABOUT CORAL REEFS:

Coral reefs are ecosystems rich in plant and underwater animal life, and important for maintaining healthy oceans. Pollution and overfishing are causing the decay and destruction of these beautiful castles in the sea. Don't be "shellfish"—protect our oceans!

