





Immune System

You Make Me Sick!



All of your immune cells work together to defend your body from infections. In this board game, you will fight 11 common diseases while you learn about the immune system. As you move around the game board, you will encounter disease causing viruses and bacteria, so watch out! Can you make it home from the hospital by defending your body from infection?

Provided for you:

- ♦ Board game sheets
- ↑ 1 Answer sheet
- ♦ 45 Disease Cards
- ♦ 29 Health Cards
- ♦ 140 Immune Cell Tokens
- ♦ 1 Rules sheet

You will need to provide:

- 4 small items such as coins or buttons to sever as player pieces
- ↑ 1 six-sided die

Hospital



Home

- 1. Before playing the game, print out the game board, rule sheet, answer sheet, Disease Cards, Health Cards, and Immune Cell Tokens. Find small items like coins or buttons to serve as player pieces.
- **2.** Tape together the game board, cut out the immune cell tokens, disease and health cards.
- 3. Read aloud the key terms found on the last page of this document. These terms will be used frequently during gameplay, so pay attention! Knowing what they mean will help you while you play.
- 4. Shuffle the Health Cards and the Disease Cards. Place each stack of cards face down on their corresponding area on the board.
- Place the immune cell tokens near the board. This will serve as the bank, where new tokens will be paid from. Each player starts with 15 immune cell tokens.
- 6. Place your player pieces on the Hospital space.

Play the Game!

Set Up

Objective: Get Home from the Hospital

The goal of the game is to completely recover from an illness by traveling from the Hospital to Home with the most amount of immune cell tokens. Collecting Disease Cards, Health Cards, and Immune Cell Tokens as you play will help you to win the game.

Ending the Game: When any player reaches Home, that player should draw the top card from the disease pile and attempt to answer it.

If answered correctly: The player adds the Disease Card to their hand, receives 10 bonus Immune Cell Tokens, and the game ends.

If answered incorrectly: the player must pay the amount of Immune Cell Tokens listed on the bottom of the card and the game ends. If the player cannot pay, they must return to the hospital and the game continues.

How to Win: At the game end, players will count up their immune cell tokens and the value of any Disease Cards they have in their hand, and the player who has the most wins the game.

Getting Started

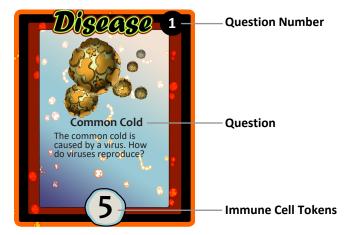
- Roll the die to see which player goes first. The person with the highest number will go first, and play will continue clockwise from the first player.
- Player #1 will roll the die and move forward that number of spaces on the board. If the player lands on an unoccupied space, they will do one of the following:
 - **Disease Space:** Draw the top card from the Disease card pile. Read the card aloud and attempt to answer it. Only the player whose turn it is should answer. Other players should not attempt to answer. The player to the right of player 1 will check the answer sheet to determine if the answer given is correct.

If correct: Add the disease card to your hand.

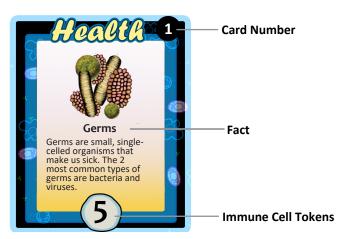
If incorrect: Pay the bank the number of immune cell tokens shown at the bottom of the card and remain on the space. Add the disease card to your hand. If you cannot pay the amount, you must immediately return to the hospital.

If you have to return to the hospital, on your next turn, read one health card aloud and follow the instructions on the card. Take 10 immune cell tokens from the bank. Then play your turn as normal.

Disease Card



Health Card



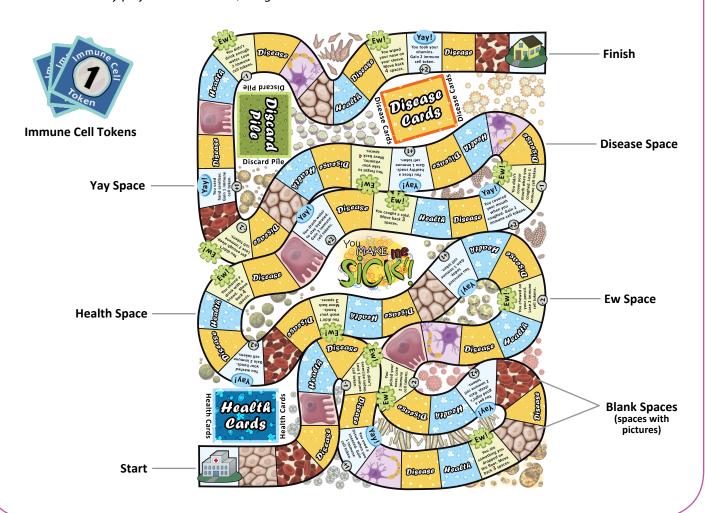
- **Health Space:** Draw the top card from the Health card pile. Read the card aloud. Add the health card to your hand. If the card has an immune cell token value, take the amount of immune cell tokens shown at the bottom of the card from the bank.
- Yay Space: You did something healthy. Follow the instructions on the space.
- **Ew Space:** You did something unhealthy. Follow the instructions on the space.
- Blank Spaces: Do nothing. Stay on this space until your next turn.

If a player lands on a space that is already occupied, You Make Me Sick!

The player who landed on the occupied space should play the space as normal. Follow the rules for Disease, Health, Yay, and Ew spaces listed above.

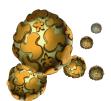
Then:

- 1. The player who has landed on the occupied space must now attempt to infect the player who was there first by using a disease card in their hand.
 - If the player who landed on the occupied space does not have a disease card in their hand, the space is shared by both players.
- 2. The player who landed on the occupied space chooses a disease card from their hand and reads the question to the player who occupied the space first.
- 3. If the player who occupied the space first has a Vaccine or Antibiotics card in their hand, they can use it to defend themselves without having to answer the question.
 - If the question is answered correctly: the space is shared by both players.
 - If the question is answered incorrectly: the player who occupied the space first must pay the amount of immune cell tokens listed on the disease card to the bank.
 - If the player cannot pay the amount of immune cell tokens, they must return to the hospital.
- 4. The disease card used is then placed in the discard pile.
- ♦ Each additional player will take their turn and follow the same rules until someone reaches Home. Once any player reaches home, the game is over. See "How to Win" for more information.



Answer Sheet for You Make Me Sick!



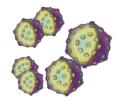


- $2 \cdot$ The symptoms of the common cold are: runny nose, cough, sneezing, and fatigue (feeling tired).
- $\{$. A. Antibodies tag the virus so that macrophages (a type of immune cell), can identify and "eat" the virus. B. Antibodies can attach themselves to the outside of the virus and prevent them from moving and reproducing.
- 4 The common cold is caused by many different strains of a type of virus called a rhinovirus, which mutate rapidly. Because vaccines can only protect against a single type of virus, a vaccine for the common cold cannot currently be developed.





- The flu can affect the lungs, nose, ears, throat, and mouth.
- Covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, avoiding contact with others, wearing a mask or face covering, washing your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- False
- An itchy, red rash with blisters
- 11. Vaccines work by taking a small piece of a virus or a weakened version of a virus and introducing it into the body. This teaches your body to create antibodies to the virus. The next time the body is exposed to the same virus, the antibodies protect you from getting sick.



- \mathbb{R} . No, not all bacteria are harmful. Some bacteria, like the kinds that live in your digestive system, are beneficial and help you to digest the foods you eat.
- $m{4}$ $m{\cdot}$ Fever increases your body temperature. This increase in temperature is your body's attempt at making it too hot for viruses or bacteria to reproduce inside the body.
- Macrophages eat foreign stuff like viruses and bacteria. When a macrophage finds a virus or bacterium, it will reach out, surround the virus/bacterium, and then engulf it. Once it is engulfed, it breaks down and digests the virus/bacterium.



- $16\, extbf{.}$ Sore throat, fever, difficult and painful swallowing, red/swollen tonsils, swollen lymph nodes in the neck
- Tetanus affects nervous tissue, also known as nerves or neurons. Nerves carry the signals that make your muscles move.
- Nope. The bacteria that cause tetanus can live on many different objects or surfaces, not just rusty ones.
- 20. Tetanus is caused by a bacteria. The bacteria enter the body through a cut or puncture wound and begin to release a toxin, which can cause paralysis.
- Yes, antibiotics are effective at curing cases of pink eye caused by bacteria. Antibiotics are not effective at curing viral infections.
- 22. Neutrophils are often found in pus.



23. Washing your hands before and after touching your eyes as well as not sharing cosmetics or other items that are used around the eye area.



24. No. Even though some cases of pink eye can be caused by viruses, a vaccine to prevent it has yet to be developed.

25. True

26. Symptoms of measles include: high fever, cough, runny nose, red and watery eyes, and a rash of itchy red bumps.

27. When a disease is contagious, it means that it can be easily spread to other people.

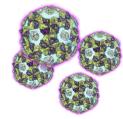


28 . Antibodies are produced by B cells.

29. The inability to move parts of your body is called paralysis.

30. Polio is caused by a virus.

31. These special tags are called antibodies. They can latch on to the polio virus and stop it from reproducing. This prevents you from getting sick.



32. True

33. Viruses must enter a cell and use that cell to make copies of themselves. Bacteria can reproduce on their own without needing to enter a body cell.

34. Symptoms of an ear infection can include: pain in the ear, a feeling of "fullness" in the ear, trouble hearing, nausea, loss of balance, and pus drainage from the ear.

35. B cells produce antibodies.



36 . False. Both bacteria and viruses can cause ear infections.

37• False

38. Symptoms of food poisoning include: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain/cramping, diarrhea, sweating, and fever.

9 You can prevent food poisoning by washing fruits and vegetables before eating and fully cooking foods like eggs, seafood, and meat.



40. Because norovirues are a type of virus, antibiotics (which only kill bacteria), would not be effective in treating food poisoning.

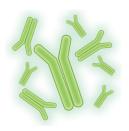
41. COVID-19 is caused by a virus.

42. Symptoms of COVID-19 that affect the respiratory system are: cough, shortness or breath/trouble breathing, sore throat, congestion, and a runny nose.

43 • The 19 stands for 2019, the year the disease was first discovered.

 False. While COVID-19 is most often spread through person-to-person contact, it can also be spread by touching infected surfaces like doorknobs or handrails, and then touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.

45 • True. Wearing a face mask can prevent droplets from sneezes or coughs from reaching others. This helps to stop the spread of the disease.



Key Terms

Antibodies: Special tags that stick to bacteria and viruses inside the body. They cover the surface of these germs to signal the immune system to get rid of them.

Bacteria: Bacteria are single-celled organisms that can be helpful or harmful. The immune system fights off the harmful bacteria that can make you sick. Helpful bacteria live in our gut and help us to digest food. The immune system leaves this type of bacteria alone.

Cell: The smallest unit of life. Living things can be made up of a single cell (like bacteria), or many different types of cells (like humans). All living things are made of cells.

Contagious: Able to be spread easily. Diseases that can be spread from person to person or from surfaces to people are called contagious.

Germ: A microscopic single celled organism or agent that infects our bodies and makes us sick (causes disease). The two most common types of germs are bacteria and viruses.

Immune cells: There are lots of different kinds of immune cells; macrophages, T cells and B cells do most of the fighting against germs.

- **B cells** make antibodies, which are special tags that stick to the germs and help the body get rid of them. They are called B cells because they come from your bones.
- Macrophages can surround and digest germs or infected cells.
- **T cells** are the "commanders" of our immune system and can activate other immune cells, like B cells, to help fight disease. They are called T cells because they come from your thymus gland.

Immune system: The cells, tissues, and organs that detect and fight infections caused by germs. Your immune system is always learning, changing, and evolving to keep you healthy.

Immunity: When your immune cells and antibodies can get rid of certain germs in your body before they ever have a chance to make you sick.

Infection: When a disease-causing organism or agent (a germ) enters our bodies, reproduces, and makes us sick.

Organism: A living thing. Plants, animals and bacteria are all organisms.

Paralysis: The loss of movement in a part of the body, like the arms or legs. Some bacteria and viruses produce toxins that can cause paralysis.

Sickness: We feel sick when a germ infects our cells and our immune system is fighting hard to get rid of it. For example, a fever makes your body too hot for germs to survive, and runny noses, sneezing and coughing are all ways the body uses to get the germs out of the body.

Toxins: Some bacteria release toxins in our body. Toxins are poisons made by living things that make us sick. Our immune system can neutralize some toxins with antibodies.

Vaccines: Vaccines give you immunity. They help your immune system learn what the germs look like, so they can find them faster, and prevent you from getting sick. Your immune system will usually remember what those germs look like for the rest of your life.

Viruses: Viruses are very small (much, much smaller than a cell) that cannot live on their own; they need to infect another cell to reproduce.













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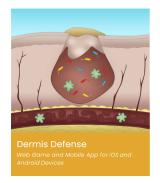
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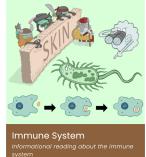
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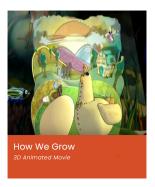
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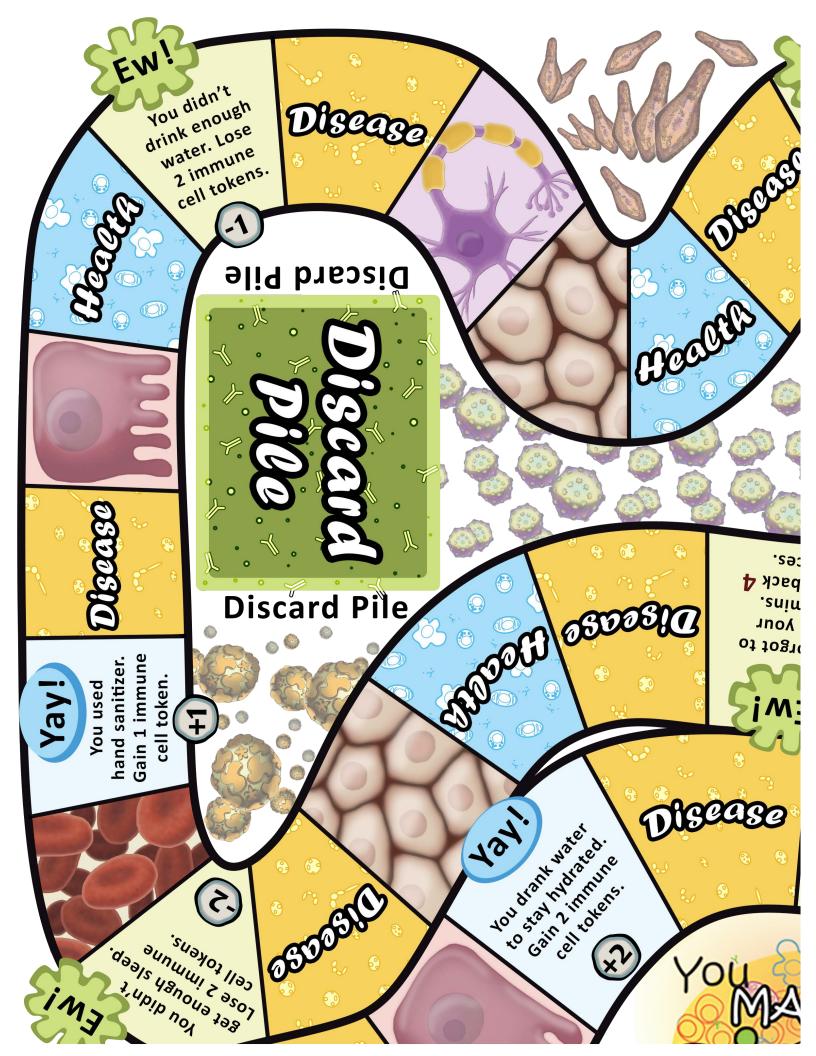


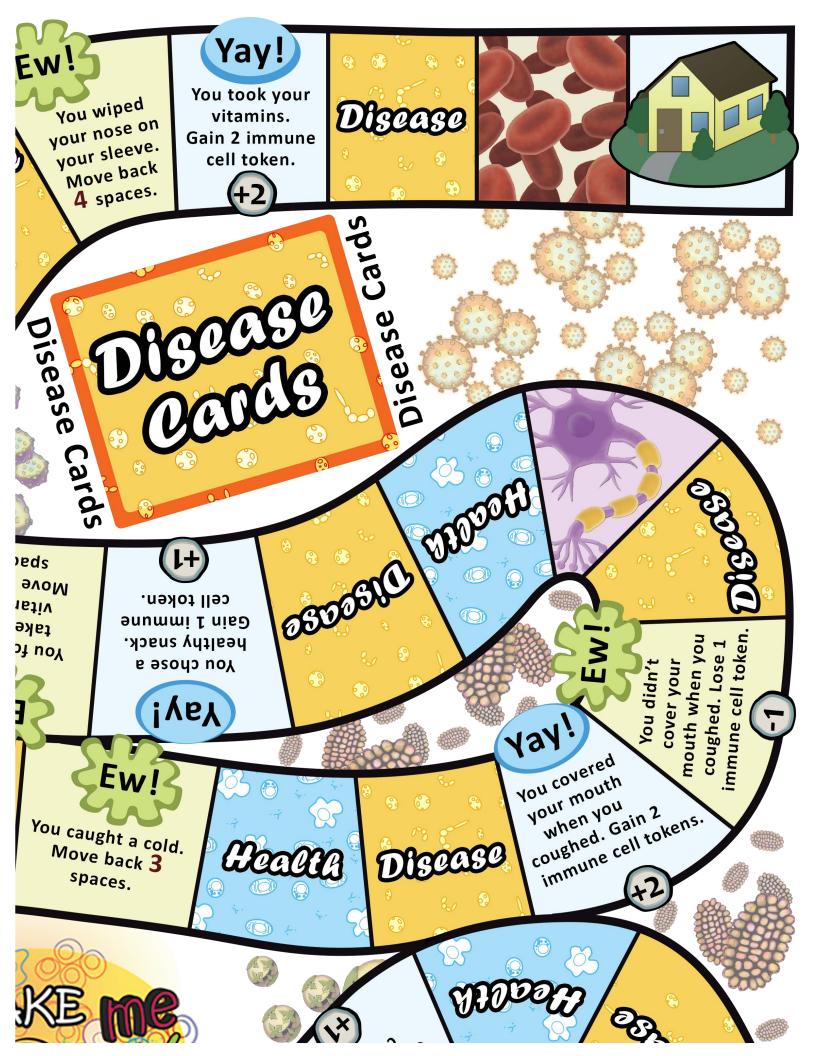


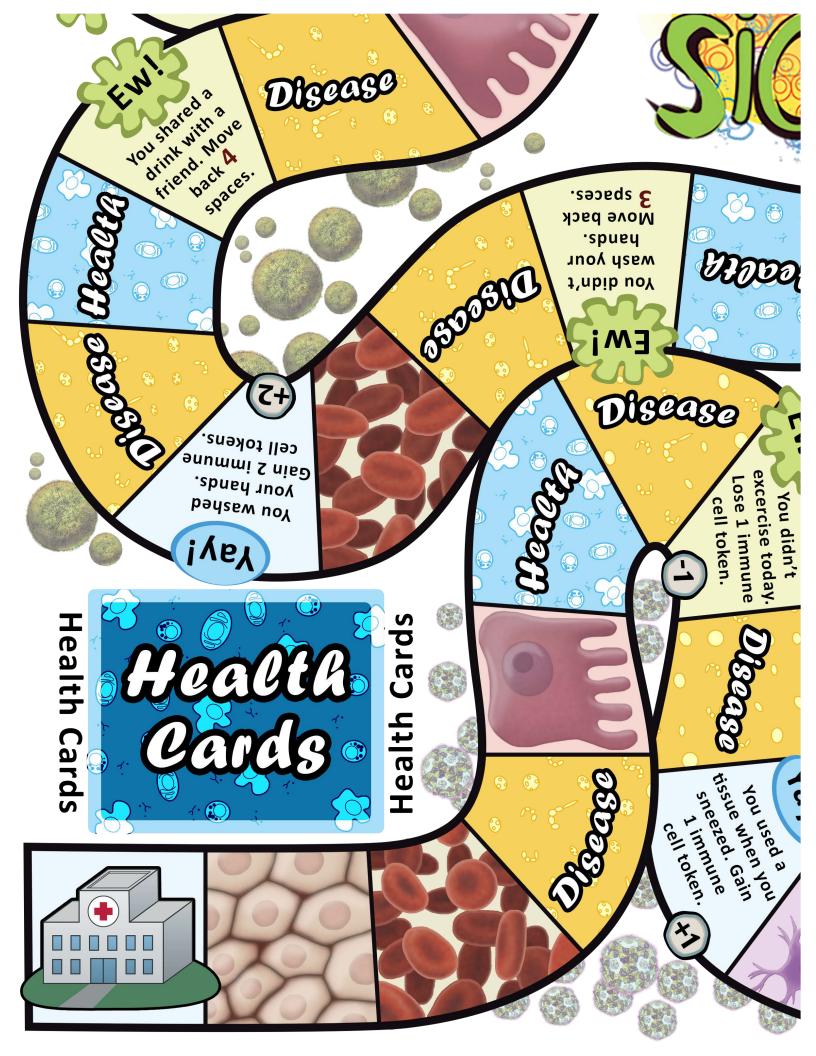
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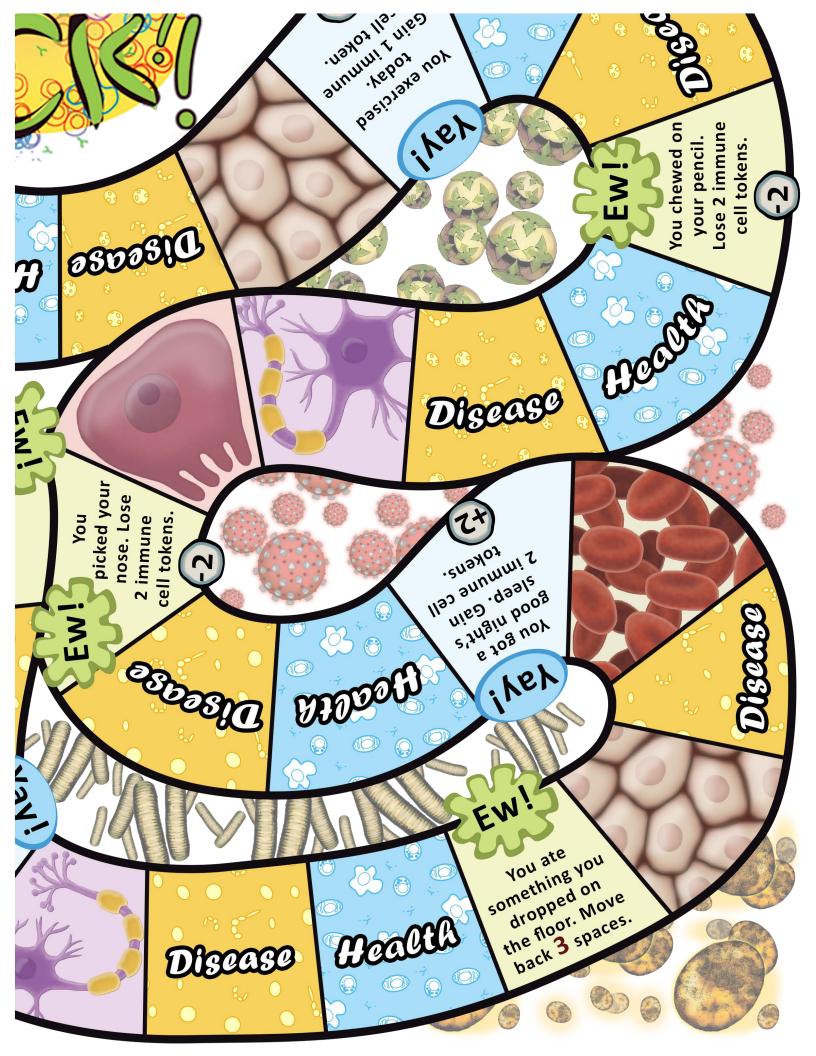














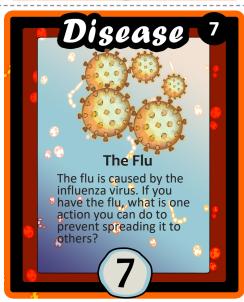








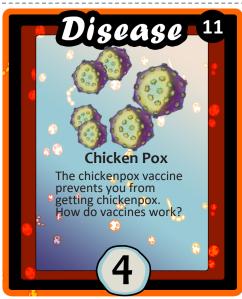


















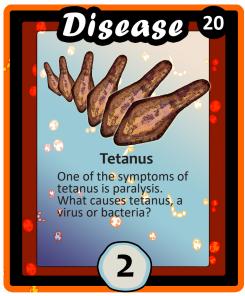


















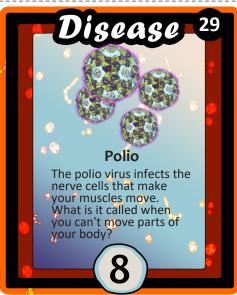








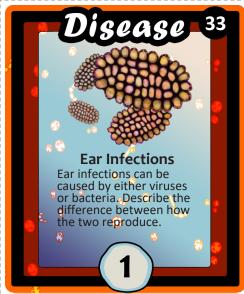




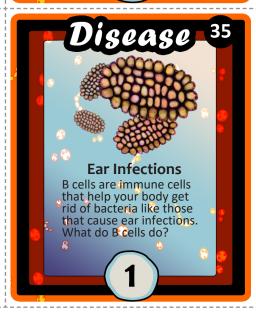


























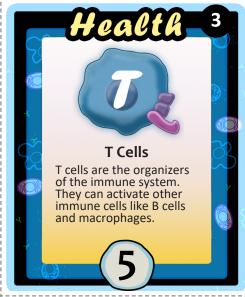


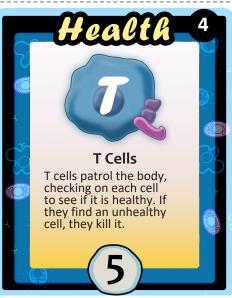


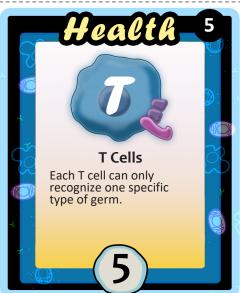


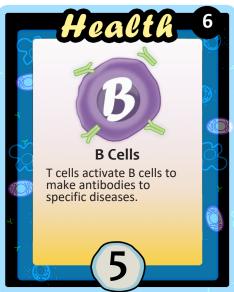




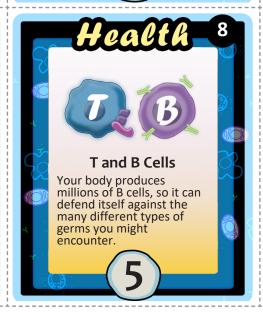


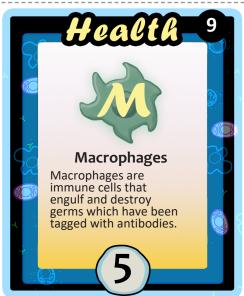




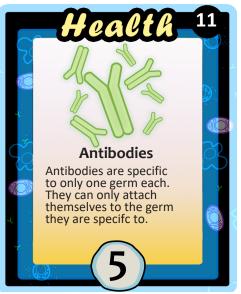




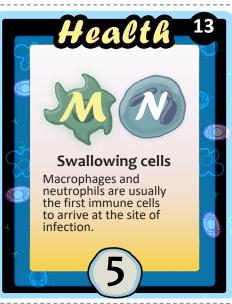










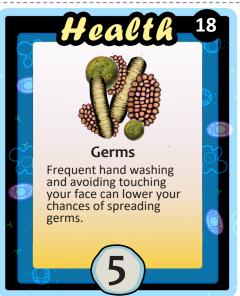


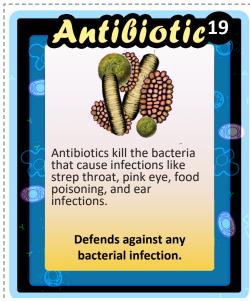


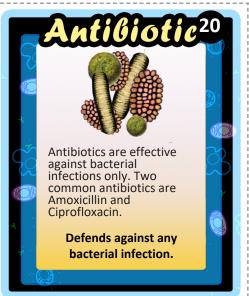


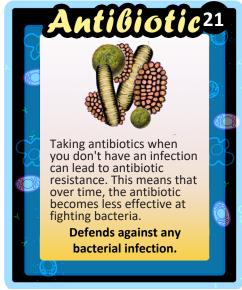


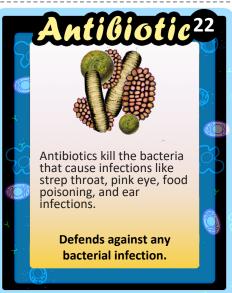


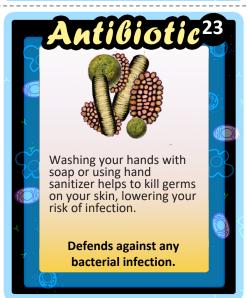


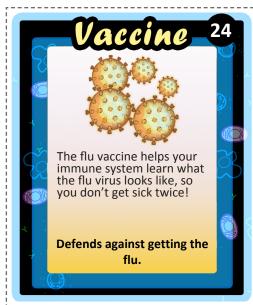


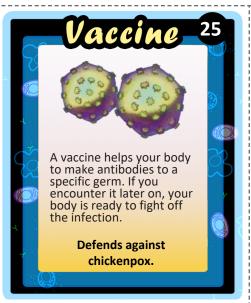


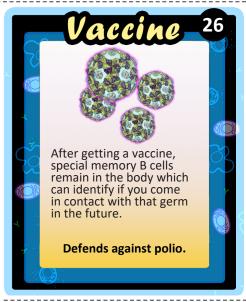


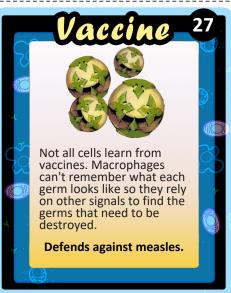


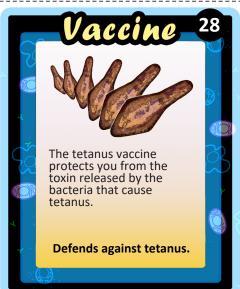


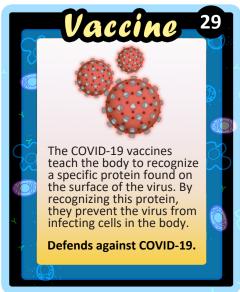


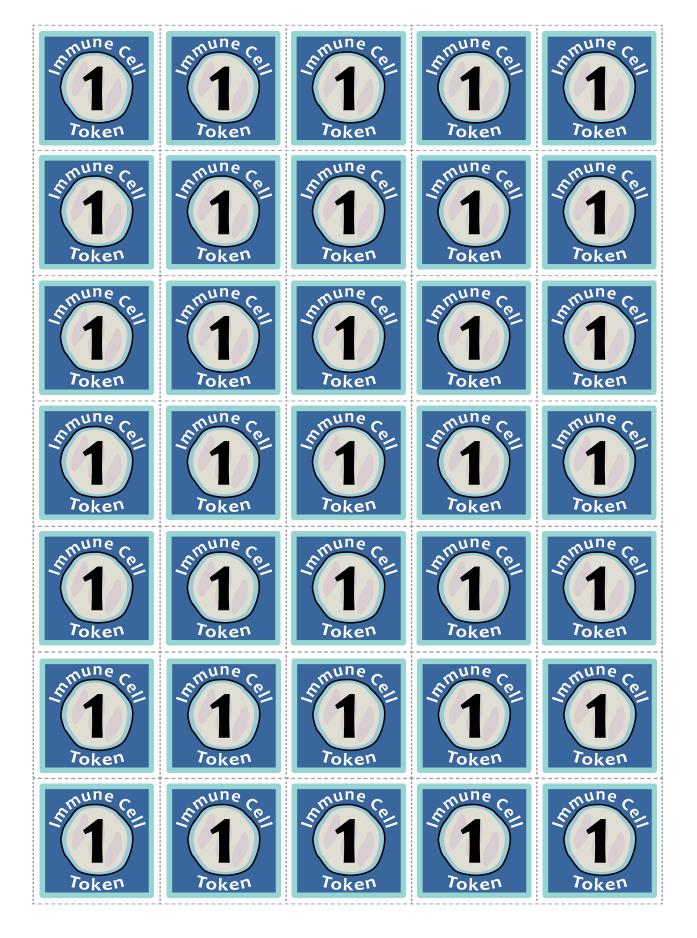


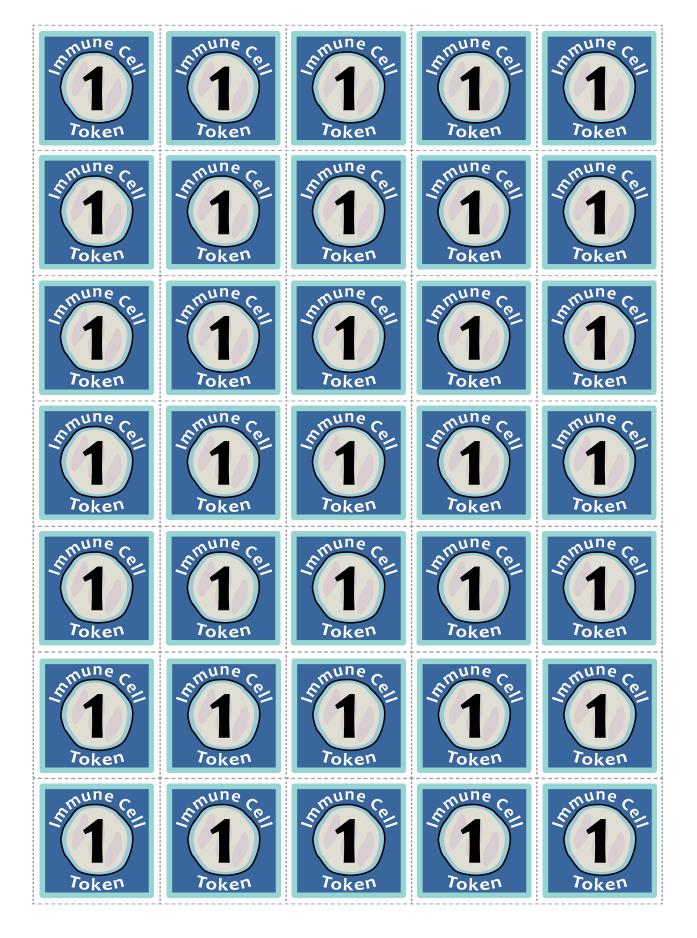


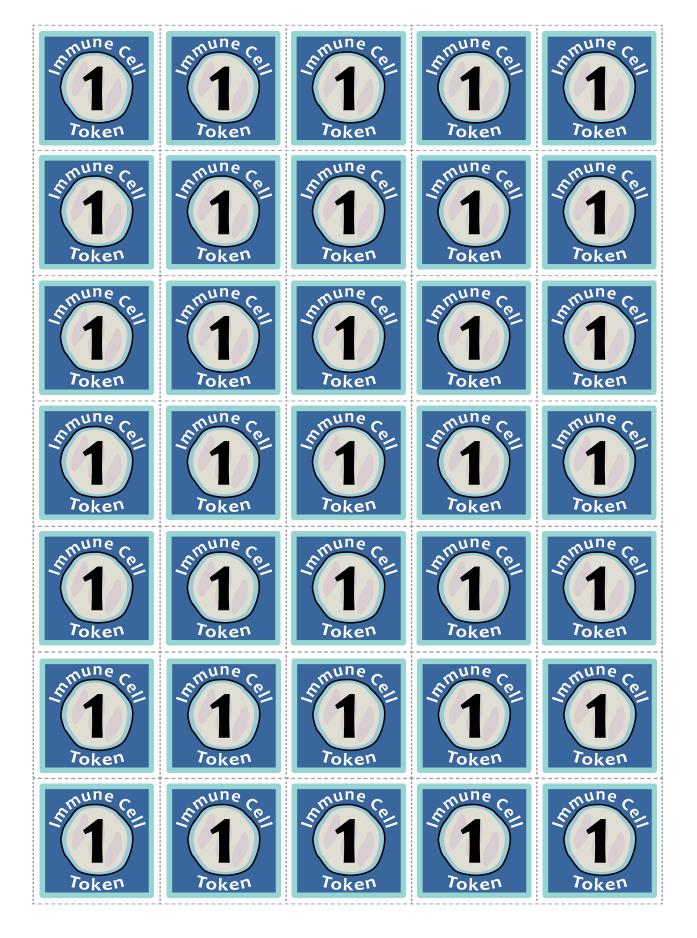


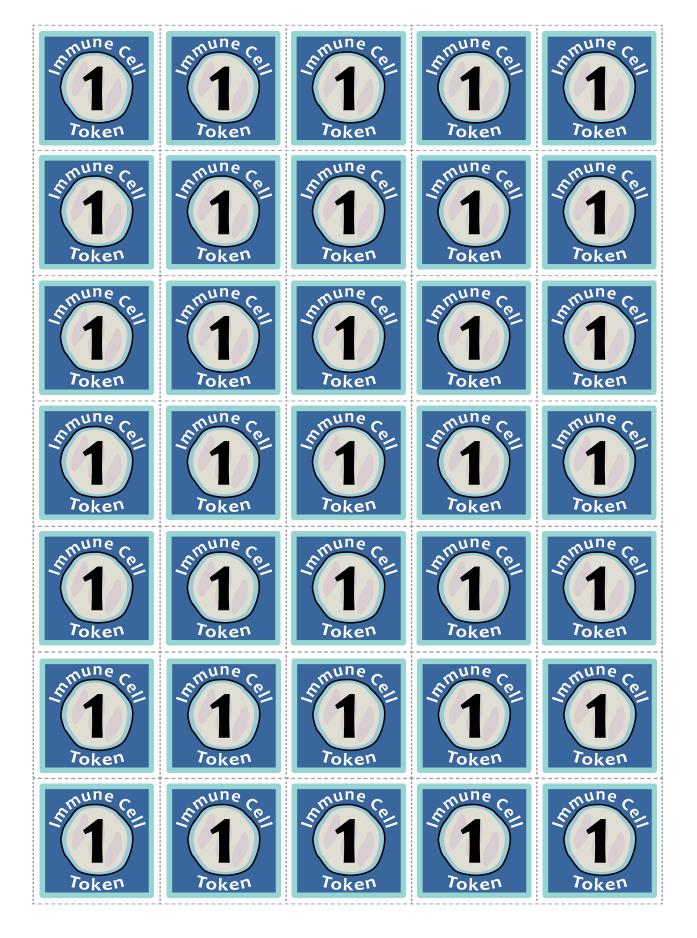


















You Make Me Sick

Teacher Guide



You Make Me Sick is a board game designed to teach students about the immune system and infectious disease. The game can serve as a review activity or supplement to a larger unit on Immunology. This activity does not involve any direct instruction by the teacher. Groups of students will work together to assemble the board and cards used in the game. After assembled, students will play the game. An optional reflection activity is provided as well. The accompanying PDF (You Make Me Sick Game) contains a game board, cards, and tokens which are used in gameplay. A full list of needed materials can be found below.

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Teacher Preparation

Students should works in groups of three to four, for optimal gameplay.

- Based on the number of students in your class, print out a copy of the You Make Me Sick Game. PDF for each group. If using the reflection activity, print a copy for each student in your class.
- 2. Gather enough small items like buttons, coins, etc. to serve as player pieces. You will need one player piece for each student.
- 3. Gather dice for each student group. Each student group will need 1, 6-sided die. If dice are not available, allowing each group to use a free number generator like the one found here, is an alternative.

Activity

- 1. After separating into groups, provide each group with a printed copy of the You Make Me Sick Game. This document contains everything the students will need to set-up and play the game, including instructions and rule sheet.
- 2. (Optional) If desired, you may review the key terms used in the game from the list on the final page of the *You Make Me Sick* Game PDF with your students. Alternatively, the review of the terms is an explicit step mentioned in the instructions, which students are expected to review in their groups.
- 3. Allow students time to construct the game board, set up the game, and play the game. A four player game takes about 1 hour to complete. If necessary, you can break up the activity into a set-up day, and a play day, to minimize time constraints.
- 4. After the conclusion of gameplay, you may assign students the reflection activity, found on the following page.

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You Make Me Sick Reflection

Name	Date		
You recently played a game called, <i>You M</i> system and infectious diseases. Answer the back on your personal experiences while	ne questions below and		
1. Who did you play the game with, who	were your group memb	pers?	
2. Did anyone in your group have to go b If yes, describe what happened	ack to the hospital?	Yes	No
3. Did anyone in your group get to "infect Yes No	t" another player during	g a You Make N	le Sick battle?
If yes, describe what happened			
4. What part of the game did you find the	most fun and why?		
5. What part of the game did you find the	e least fun and why?		
6. Tell me one fact that you learned from playing <i>You Make Me Sick</i> .			