

Brick kiln Game

RULES

This game is a model representing the reality of life for poor families working in a brick-kiln open air factory in Pakistan.

Game leaders' instructions

Please familiarise yourself with the rules of the game and explain the task instructions to the player teams. Divide the player group into teams of three to four. You will play the part of the brick-kiln owner during the game.

Keep track of each family team's progress in the family template provided.

Start by telling participants to cut out bricks identical to the template and that you will pay them £1 for each brick. Make sure they know that bricks must be precise.

Players' instructions

- Your task is to make as many bricks as possible to earn as much money as possible. You have to pay for food and rent, and other expenses.
- You will be working together with other members of your family team, in a group of three or four
- You will be making bricks in five-minute periods. Each such period represents one calendar month, starting from April and ending in September. After making bricks, your family will receive an **event card**.
- Between each five-minute period there will be a break to count the bricks made by each team and make payments.

Loans

If workers have no income or savings to pay for your expenses (food and rent) they will have to take a loan.

A wedding may be planned in some families, if the wedding event card is drawn. The cost is £5. If players don't have enough money to pay for it they will have to take a loan to cover this expense.

A birth celebration is planned in some families, if the birth event card is drawn. The cost is £3. If players don't have enough money in their savings to pay for it they will have to take a loan to cover this expense.

Unpaid loans will be shown in a team's accounts as a debt.

When bricks are received from the family teams, the owner will reject "bad" bricks and tell the workers that he will not pay for these.

After the 1st month the leader tells the families that you will charge them **£1 per player** every month for accommodation and **£2 per player** for food.

The aim of the game is to earn enough money so that the children in the family are able to go school and don't have to work in the brick-kiln. It costs £20 to send a child in the family to school. However, after a while the players will realise that they will never be able to send their children to school, and will gradually sink deeper and deeper into debt.

Bricks must be made identical to the template provided. Edges of the brick, drawn in pencil, must be visible on each brick. Families will be paid £1 for each properly made brick (they will be informed what they will earn). Any rejections will not be paid for. The owner's decision is final.

From family earnings the brick-kiln owner will deduct (monthly) £1 per player for rent and £2 per player for food. The remainder will go into savings.

During monsoon season the factory will stop, as the rain damages the clay bricks and so no pay will be earned. This occurs when a monsoon event card is drawn. The monsoon affects all teams but only occurs once during the game. Remove the card once the monsoon has occurred.

- The leader should keep adding rules as you go along in the game. But keep it simple otherwise participants can get confused. For example, one rule could be that you have to see thick pencil marks around the edge of each brick otherwise it won't be accepted.
- Start with one or two rules only.
- Be aware that they may cheat! They may cut two or more pages at one time.

MATERIALS FOR LEADERS TO PROVIDE PER TEAM

brick template	2 pencils
paper sheets, to cut out bricks	1 ruler
1 scissors	1 protractor
	1 pencil sharpener

Debrief

After the game discuss with the player teams how it felt to be in the game? What do they imagine life might be like for real brick-kiln families in Pakistan?

Brick template

DO NOT CUT

Money



Family templates

FAMILY NAME.....

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Event Cards

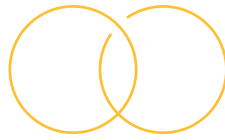


Misscount

The brick-kiln owner insists you have only made half the number of bricks you claim

Many brick-kiln workers did not go to school and some cannot count

HALF PAY



Wedding

Congratulations there is a wedding in your family

In Pakistani culture, the joyful occasion of a wedding comes at a significant cost to the bride's family

PAY £5



Monsoon

The monsoon has arrived early, you cannot make any bricks this month

During monsoon season the factory will stop, as the rain damages the clay bricks

NO PAY



Emergency

There is a medical emergency in your family, you need to pay for hospital fees

There is no National Health Service in Pakistan

PAY £6



Birth

Congratulations there has been a birth in your family, you are responsible for the celebrations

PAY £3

No event

You can receive your normal pay this month

NORMAL PAY