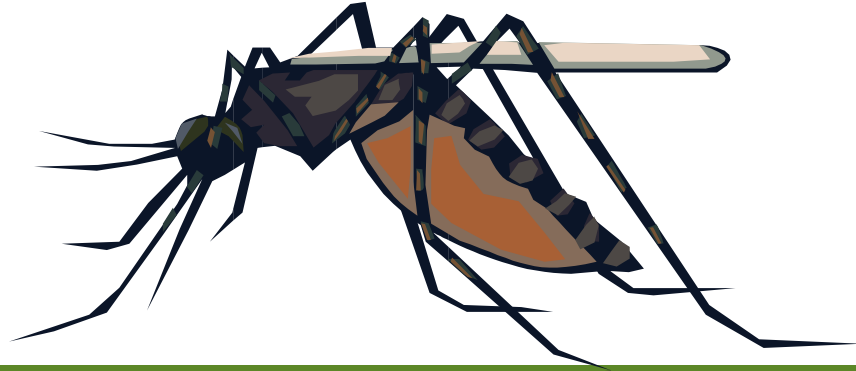


Humans vs. Mosquitoes



A Deadly Serious Game!



Climate and Emerging Infections
Vector-Borne Disease Investigations



A disease transmission simulation. Grades 6-12.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Mosquitoes want to bite humans and lay eggs.

Humans want to kill mosquitoes and protect themselves from dengue.

Who will survive?

Play the game like **Rock, Paper, Scissors** mixed with **Freeze Tag**
– but the results are deadly serious!

Mosquitoes WIN if they KILL all the **Humans** first
by depleting their Blood Tokens!

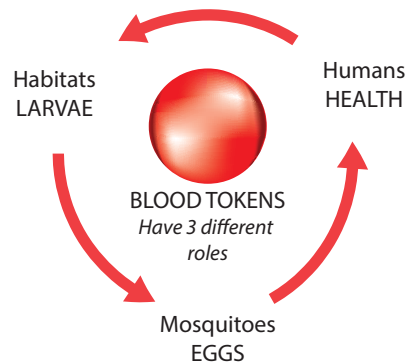
Humans WIN if they KILL all the **Mosquitoes** first
by clearing out the Habitats!

Draw a **Climate Card** to change the course of the game!

LEARN how climate change and human behaviors
can influence the spread of dengue.

Game Equipment

- **23 Blood Tokens** that represent EGGS for Mosquitoes, LARVAE for Habitats, and HEALTH for Humans
- **6 Habitats:** Places where mosquitoes can lay eggs
- **8 Climate Cards**
- **6 Nametags**
- **Dice**



How to Play

Participants: 6 Players and 1 Facilitator.

3 Mosquitoes face off against **3 Humans** across a table.
The **Facilitator** runs the game and reads Climate Cards,
which can change the course of the game.

Team MOSQUITO: 11 Blood Tokens (EGGS/LARVAE)

Distribute 9 tokens among all 3 Habitats any way you want. Divide the last 2 tokens among Mosquitoes so Humans do not know who has extra eggs.

Mosquito Goals and Actions:

1. **Bite humans** and feed on blood to develop eggs that hatch into LARVAE:
POINT AT A HUMAN.
2. **Lay eggs** to repopulate Habitats with LARVAE:
POINT AT A HABITAT.

- All Mosquitoes are females that feed on human blood.
- A Mosquito DIES when a Habitat is cleared.
- Habitats are LOST when Humans kill all LARVAE (clear all Blood Tokens).

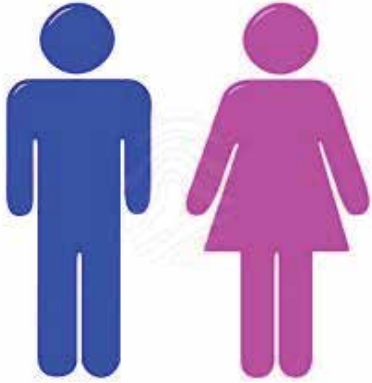
Team HUMAN: 12 Blood Tokens (HEALTH)

Divide up all tokens so Mosquitoes do not know which Humans have the most tokens and are healthiest.

Human Goals and Actions:

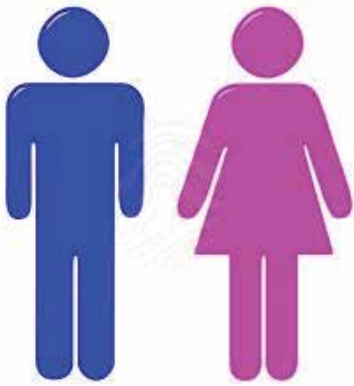
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- Humans DIE when they lose all Blood Tokens (HEALTH).
- Humans **cannot** directly kill adult Mosquitoes.



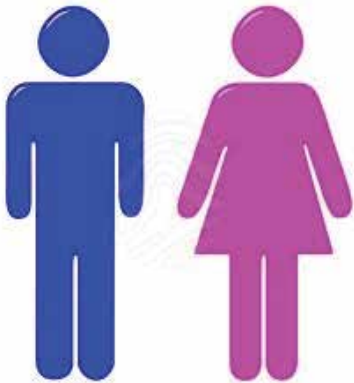
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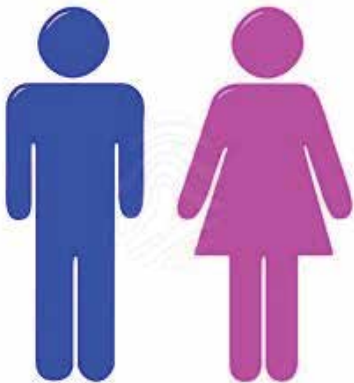
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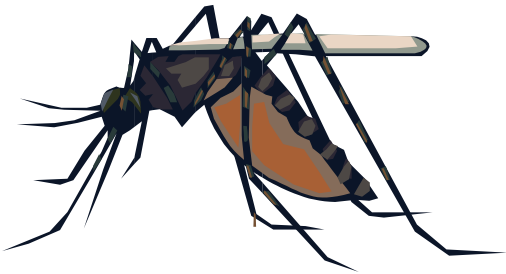
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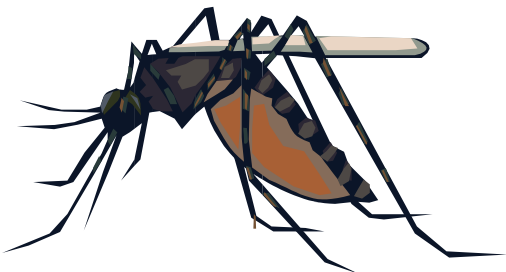
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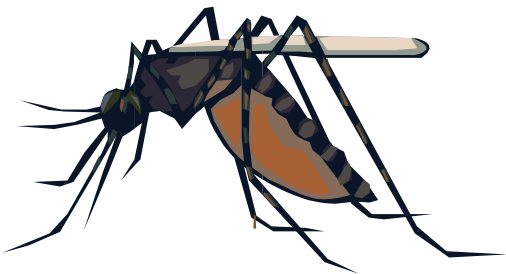
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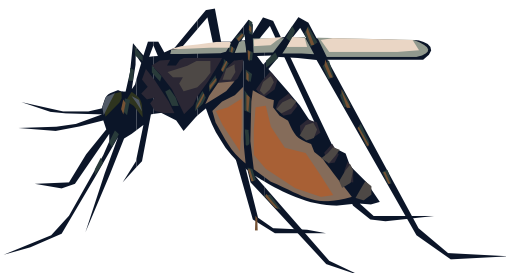
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Climate Card Rain

Scenario: More rain falls in an area than in previous years.

Result: Increased rain fills open containers and creates new places where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

Consequence: Mosquitoes gain a new Habitat with one Egg and one new Mosquito (or a dead Mosquito can “come back to life”).

Climate Card Warmer Temperatures

Scenario: Some areas will experience warmer than usual temperatures.

Result: Warmer temperatures could decrease relative humidity and cause adult mosquitoes to die.

Consequence: One adult Mosquito dies.

Climate Card Humanitarian Aid: Habitat Clearing Campaign

Scenario: Red Cross Red Crescent visits your community and organizes a campaign to clear out mosquito habitats.

Result: People empty or cover water containers.

Consequence: Remove one mosquito Habitat. One adult Mosquito must die.

Climate Card Mosquito Adaptation

Scenario: Mosquitoes that previously laid eggs only in clean water now lay eggs in dirty water.

Result: Mosquitoes have adapted to their changing environment and can now live in new Habitats.

Consequence: Mosquitoes gain a new Habitat with one Egg and one new Mosquito (or a dead Mosquito can “come back to life”).

Climate Card Warmer Temperatures

Scenario: Some areas will experience warmer than usual temperatures.

Result: Warmer temperatures could cause the mosquito life cycle to speed up, creating a mosquito “baby boom”.

Consequence: Each Habitat gets one extra Egg.

Climate Card Drought: Water Shortage

Scenario: People save water in open containers during a drought.

Result: Mosquitoes can lay eggs in open storage containers.

Consequence: Mosquitoes gain a new Habitat with one egg and one new Mosquito (or a dead Mosquito can “come back to life”).

Climate Card Humanitarian Aid: Education Campaign

Scenario: Red Cross Red Crescent visits your school and teaches how to prevent dengue by clearing habitats instead of using insecticides.

Result: People are healthier because they empty standing water instead of using insecticides.

Consequence: All Humans gain one Blood Token. A dead Human can “come back to life”.

Climate Card Land Use Conversion

Scenario: Land is cleared for agricultural use.

Result: Changes in runoff, drainage patterns and irrigation create new places for mosquitoes to lay eggs.

Consequence: Mosquitoes gain a new Habitat with one Egg and one new Mosquito (or a dead Mosquito can “come back to life”).

Vector-Borne Disease Transmission Life Cycle

