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## BANANA

The moment you've been waiting for all year has arrived! The quays of Puerto Banana are lined with crates of freshly-harwested bananas and you want to leave with your cargo ship full to bursting.
You'll have to be shrewd and maybe throw caution to the wind to outbid your opponents and end up as top banana!

## Goal of the game

To have more bananas than your opponents at the end of the game.

## Components



## Setup

- Place the banana crate board in the middle of the table.
- Give each player a cargo ship board and a marker.
- Write the number 10 in the "stock" section of your cargo ship board: each player starts the game with a stock of 10 bananas.


Now you're ready to play!

## Round overview

Each round of the game is an auction. There are 3 stages to an auction:

- Preparing the auction
- Bidding
- Winnings and bonuses


## Preparing the auction

Write the number of bananas up for auction this round on the banana crate board.

To determine this number, check the stocks of all players. The number of bananas up for auction is equal to the number of bananas in the highest stock.

This means the first auction in each game is always for 10 bananas.


At the start of the game, the highest stock is 10 bananas. So, one of the players writes 10 on the banana crate board for the first auction.


After a few rounds, player A has the highest stock with 18 bananas.
So, one of the players writes 18 on the banana crate board for the next auction.

## Bidding

Each player secretly writes a whole number (0 or above) in the "bid" section of their cargo ship board. There is no limit to the number you can bid, but if your bid is too high, you may have to pay a large bonus (see below).

Important: you do not bid from your own stock of bananas, so you can bid higher than the number in your stock. However, you will have to use your bananas to pay bonuses.

When all players have written the number they wish to bid, everyone reveals their cargo ship board at the same time.

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## Winnings and bonuses

Once all the cargo ship boards have been revealed, players must determine the outcome of the auction so winnings and bonuses can be allocated accordingly:

## 1 One player has bid the highest number:

This player wins all the bananas up for auction on the banana crate board. They must then pay the player with the second-highest bid the difference between their bids as a bonus. The other players' bids are disregarded for this round and their stocks remain unchanged.
If more than one player has made exactly the same second-highest bid, the bonus is shared equally by dividing the number of bananas between these players (rounding down).

## Note: the player with the highest bid always receives their winnings before paying out bonuses.



During the first round of the game, before winnings and bonuses are calculated, each player has a stock of 10 bananas.

- Player A placed the highest bid with 21 and player B had the second-highest bid with 18.
- Player A therefore wins 10 bananas and adds these to their existing stock of 10. They must then give 3 bananas (21-18) to player B, so player A ends this round with a stock of 17 bananas. Player $B$ adds the 3 bananas paid by player $A$ and updates their stock to $13(10+3)$.

If the player with the highest bid is unable to pay the bonus, their bid is withdrawn and they are removed from the current auction. They receive no winnings and lose their entire stock of bananas, which falls back to 0 .

> Note : in a 2-player game, if a player is unable to pay the bonus, they are removed from the auction but do not lose any of their stock.

- The player who was previously in second place now becomes the highest bidder. They receive the winnings and pay a bonus to the player newly promoted into second place.
- Players must follow the same process if the new highest bidder is unable to pay the bonus. However, if all but one of the players are removed from the auction because they are unable to pay the bonus, the last remaining player keeps all the winnings.


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Even if they were to win the 10 bananas, neither player A nor player $B$ could pay the bonus, so they are removed from the auction.
Player $C$ wins all 10 bananas without having to pay a bonus to player A or B.

## 2) More than one player has bid the highest number:

 All these players win the auction. They share the winnings by dividing the number of bananas equally between them (rounding down) and do not pay a bonus to the player(s) in second place.

In this example, players $A$ and $B$ have bid the same number, which is the highest.


They share the bananas up for auction equally $(21 / 2=10$, rounded down) and do not pay a bonus.

Each player updates their stock of bananas on their cargo ship board to reflect their winnings and bonuses from this auction, then all players wipe away their bids.

Now begin a new round.

## Fnd of the game

The game ends when at least one player has a stock of 200 or more bananas at the end of a round.

The player with the highest stock of bananas wins the game.
In case of a tie, the tied players are declared joint winners.


[^0]:    In this 3-player game, players A, B and C each have a stock of 10 bananas and are therefore bidding for 10 bananas. Player A bids 60 , player B 30 and player C 8.

