

You need...

25 cards

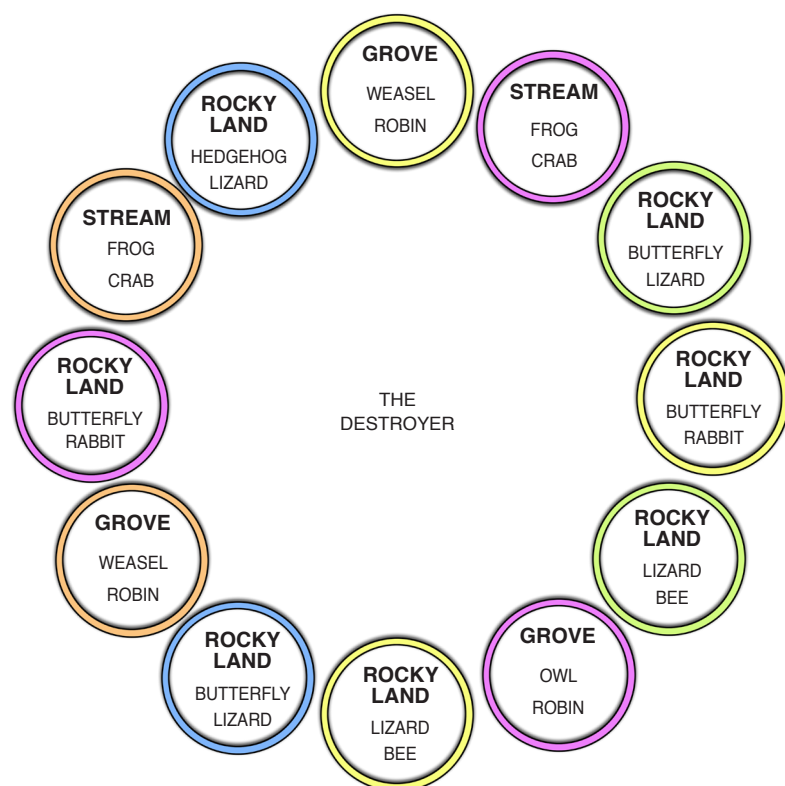
- 5 labelled LIZARD (Gremxula)
- 4 labelled BUTTERFLY (Farfett)
- 3 labelled ROBIN (Pitirross)
- 3 labelled FROG (Žring)
- 2 labelled RABBIT (Fenek)
- 2 labelled WEASEL (Ballottra)
- 2 labelled BEE (Nahla)
- 1 labelled OWL (Kokka)
- 1 labelled HEDGEHOG (Qanfud)
- 1 labelled FRESHWATER CRAB (Qabru)
- 1 labelled THE DESTROYER

12 PE hoops

- 7 labelled ROCKY LAND (Xagħri)
- 3 labelled GROVE (Masġar)
- 2 labelled STREAM (Nixxiiegħa)

whistle

You need space for
this game (ground,
school hall, gym, etc.)



Play the game

VANISHING HOMES

**How to play...**

This game is based on 25 players. Adjust numbers according to class size but try to keep the same proportions. Choose language of preference.

- Place the habitat hoops randomly in a large circle (see diagram).
- Give the DESTROYER card to one of your (noisier!) students and place him/her in the middle.
- Give the rest an animal card (best worn on a string round the neck).
- Direct the 'animals' to their habitat as shown in the diagram.
- The game is played like Musical Chairs:
 - Teacher makes an announcement, e.g. "They want to build a new hotel, so bulldozers smash up rocky land".
 - Making loud mechanical noises, the DESTROYER grabs a ROCKY LAND hoop, dispersing the animals inside it, who 'panic' and cause all the animals in the other hoops to step out of their hoop and start running round the circle of hoops. The DESTROYER, making destructive noises, takes the hoop to his/her spot in the middle and stands in it, pretending to destroy it. That piece of 'habitat' has been destroyed and the hoop cannot be used anymore.
 - Teacher whistles and all the animals rush to find a suitable habitat. Animals are not allowed to change habitat, and a hoop can only take two animals. So with every hoop that is removed, two animals must lose their home and are out of the game.
 - Repeat procedure, (with the DESTROYER accumulating hoops in the middle!) using different announcements (more examples below) until just one of each habitat remains, i.e. three hoops.

Announcements for destruction!

- "They want to build a new hotel, so bulldozers smash up ROCKY LAND."
- "They want to dig a new quarry, so a big patch of ROCKY LAND is dug up."
- "They want to build a golf course, so bulldozers flatten ROCKY LAND to make way."
- "They want to build a block of flats, so they cut down a GROVE to make way."
- "They want to build a new road, so a GROVE is cut down to make way."
- "They build a factory to bottle valley water, so a STREAM dries up."
- "A truck dumps dirty engine oil in a valley and a STREAM gets polluted."
- "Someone takes all the water from a STREAM to fill their swimming pool."

(Repeat and vary as needed; if you can use current events, all the better!)

