



Players on opposite sides of a playing area each have 3 bean bags. Players run to the other side and steal one bean bag at a time. The winner is the first player to increase their total to 5. Can be an individual or team activity. (Play with 6 or more.)

What to do

- > Play on dry land. In the pool variation, suitable plastic toys are used instead of bean bags.
- > Establish boundaries.
- > For a pool that is too wide, use one corner.



Scoring

Individual game: the first player to accumulate 5 bean bags is the winner.

Team game: all the players on one side of the square are a team. When any one player scores 5, the game stops. All the bean bags on that side are tallied and the side with the most bean bags is the winner.

PLAYING

- > Players can steal bean bags one at a time from any player opposite.
- > Bean bags cannot be stolen if the owner is standing there. An alternative is to have a 'no guarding' rule.

Ask the players

After some initial play, try the team game and ask the teams to individually discuss strategies for stealing the maximum number of bean bags - play and stop again to share strategies.

Change it

- > Set a time limit, e.g. 30 seconds.
- > Give a bonus point to the team that scores the first individual 5 points.
- > Vary the size of the playing area.

Safety

- > If indoors, boundaries should be away from walls or freestanding objects.
- > Players should be familiar with space and player awareness activities such as Start out WC 03a,b.
- > Emphasise safety when players cross over each other's paths.
- > After depositing a bean bag, players should check for other players before running back.

Pool safety

- > Establish rules about how players can move through the water.
- > All players start standing in the water - NO diving.

LESSON LINK

Get the Bean bag builds on introductory space and player awareness activities (Start out WC 03a,b). Provides a way to 'disguise' vigorous activity requiring agility, while maintaining interest.



Start out WC 05a