

Ghost Writer



INSTRUCTIONS

OVERVIEW & GOAL

Renowned Mediums are competing to guess a Secret Object, with help from mysterious Spirits giving Clues from the World Beyond! These instructions are for 4 players, but you can add more players*. There are 2 teams, each with 1 Medium and 1 Spirit. There is a Secret Object that both Spirits know. Each Spirit wants their Medium to guess the Object first. Mediums take turns giving their Spirit secret Question Cards to answer about the Object. The Spirit writes an answer (Clue) letter by letter until interrupted by their Medium. The first Medium to guess the Object wins for their team!

SETUP

1. Split the players into 2 groups: the Sun and Moon teams.
2. Decide who on your team is the Spirit and who is the Medium.
3. Each Medium draws 7 Question Cards and privately looks at their cards.
4. The Spirits draw 1 Object card to share. They look at it without showing the Mediums. They together choose which word on the card is the Object for this game. (Choose a number or point to the word)

100 Question
Cards



The Object

50 Object
Cards



Sun
team's
side

*More than 4 players:

Add more Mediums to each team. Mediums on a team share a hand of Questions, decide together, and can pass secret notes.

Moon
team's
side

PLAY

Teams take turns. The Sun team goes first. On your team's turn, rotate the Pad to face your team. The team's Medium decides either to **Ask a Question** or **Guess the Object**, then follows the steps:

ASK A QUESTION

(to receive a Clue)

1. Choose 2 Question Cards from your hand and give them to your Spirit.
2. The Spirit chooses 1, give it back to you, and discards the other face up.
3. In your team's next space on the Pad, the Spirit starts to slowly write a Clue. The Clue must answer the chosen Question about the Object.
 - The Spirit should say the letters aloud as they write.
4. When you think you know the Clue your Spirit is writing, call "**Silencio.**" They stop writing. The Spirit finishes half-written letters.
5. Place the answered Question face down in front of you. You can peek if you forget.
6. You draw 2 Question Cards.

—OR—

GUESS THE OBJECT

(to try to win)

1. In your team's next space on the Pad, write the first letter of your Guess and say the letter aloud.
 - If the letter is correct, your Spirit knocks on the table. Write the next letter of your Guess and say the letter aloud.
 - If the letter is wrong, your Spirit puts their finger to their lips. Cross out the last letter in your Guess and your turn is over.
2. When you complete your Guess, add a period. If you've correctly written the Object, your team wins!

There's no penalty for making an incorrect Guess, except that you waste a turn when you could have been getting a Clue.

STRATEGY TIP

Mediums: Say "Silencio" as soon as you can. It's better to say "Silencio" early so the other team doesn't get too much info.

Spirits: Choose a Clue that will be clear to your Medium after only a few letters. Write slowly to let them say "Silencio."

What kinds of Clues can I give? →

CLUES

- Clues must answer the chosen Question Card about the Object
- Clues can only contain letters and spaces
- Clues should be in a language everyone knows
- Clues cannot contain any form of the Object (e.g. if the Object is “Airplane,” you can’t answer “Air” or “Plane” or “Deplaning”)

Otherwise, Spirits use whatever Clue they like—dictionary words, proper nouns, and made up words are all okay! You can even use multiple-word phrases, but careful: they often give too much away.

EYE SPACES

When your team starts a turn at an Eye space, you get to see the next letter in any Clue. Your Medium chooses which Clue (from either team), and the Spirit who wrote that Clue adds the next letter. Then you take your turn as normal.

EXAMPLE TURN

Rachel hands 2 Question Cards to Lindsay, her team’s Spirit. Lindsay chooses the card “What is it made of,” shows it to Rachel, and discards the other card. The Object is “Calendar,” so Lindsay decides to respond “Paper.” Lindsay writes ‘P A P’ in the empty space and pauses. Rachel thinks the Clue must be “Paper,” and says “Silencio.”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if the Medium doesn’t say “Silencio”? — If the Spirit writes the last letter of a Clue without the Medium calling “Silencio,” they add a period to the end of the Clue.

What if I don’t like my Question Cards? — Once per game you can discard your Question Cards face up, and draw 7 new ones.

What if all the spaces on the Pad are full? — If neither team correctly **Guesses the Object** in 8 rounds, both teams lose.

Can I look things up? — Spirits can! Mediums cannot.

Table talk — Spirits can’t give any additional guidance. Be careful to avoid saying things like “this Clue is going to be hard.”