



Watershed and Environmental Trivia (W.E.T.) with a Board Game Option

Game Instructions and Rules

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What percent of the Earth's water is suitable for drinking? Which Pollutants are commonly found in our lakes, rivers, streams and ponds? What is another name for a watershed?

You can learn the answers to these and many other intriguing questions about water and watersheds by playing W.E.T. This game features fun facts about the water, history, best management practices and land use, with an emphasis on watersheds.

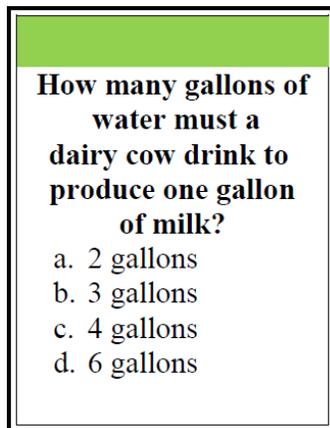


Figure 1: Here is one of the trivia cards from the new game.

It was developed as part of an effort to encourage people to start thinking about the importance of water in their daily lives. "Our goal for the game is to make learning about water and watershed something fun for groups of all ages." This game can be used at home, in the classroom or to get attendees of a meeting engaged.

A lot of environmental education material gets thrown away after people read it. We wanted to create something more durable that people can use and enjoy for years, as well as being easily adaptable so it can be personalized and updated easily.

W.E.T Trivia consists of over 70 question-and-answer cards, separated into three categories: green=beginner, orange=intermediate and red=advanced. Each card is laminated and put into a protective card sleeve, which also is used to hide the answer that is printed on the back.



Figure 2: Watershed & Environmental Trivia (W.E.T.)

The game can be played with two or more individual players, or two or more teams of players. It is easy to play just ask someone the appropriate level question, if they get the question right they keep the card, if they get it wrong tell them the correct answer and they will learn something new. At the end of game whoever has collected the most cards wins (just make sure everyone gets asked the same amount of questions).

If the players just beginning to learn about water and watershed, you have the option in incorporate a board game option to help encourage learning. The object of the game is to move around the board by correctly answering trivia questions. The board game option also includes "water cards" which will provide the player positive or negative activities that affect the watershed. The game includes a board, playing pieces for up to six players, trivia question cards, a card box (optional), and a die.

Background: You just bought a house and moved to a new town. You decide to drive or walk around to find out where everything is located while completing doing some activities.

To Play: Start on the Sold House . Roll the die and move that many spaces, with the first space looking like  on the game board. If you land on a Green Square that is a free space, do nothing and wait until your next turn. If you land on a Red or Yellow Square you must answer a trivia question correctly before you can continue (two tries, one per turn, and if you don't get one correct you can move on you next turn). If you land on a Blue square, pick up a **Water Card** and follow its directions. The first person to make it all the way around town and back home to the Sold House wins!



Figure 3: Watershed & Environmental Trivia (W.E.T) Board Game

Sources:

Information for the questions or the questions themselves were written by experts representing organizations such as the United States Environmental Protection Agency, The Blue River Watershed Group, Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Natural Resources Conservation Service.