

# The Chinese Game Room

## Preparation of the game

You need per game:

- 27 ice cream sticks (also works with stones, paper clips, paper strips or similar).
- Table and chairs
- Printed step-by-step instructions
- at least 2 players, a game leader

A game leader prepares the playing field. On each table there are 3x9 sticks.

## The Briefing

M hears the rules of the game: "There are three stacks of 9 sticks each. You may take as many sticks as you want from ONE stack (but at least 1 token) per turn. Whoever takes the last stick from the table wins."

R gets the step-by-step instruction manual. Give him the following guidelines: "You are a robot. You don't show any emotions and you're not allowed to speak. You always make exactly the move indicated in the instruction manual."

*A game leader divides the players. Some are humans (M), others are robots (R). Humans and robots are briefed separately. Of course without knowing what the others hear.*

## Tips and tricks

The game also works well for larger groups, with 2 "humans" playing against 2 "robots" per table. For 5-6 tables, 2-3 instruction manuals are sufficient.

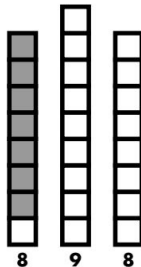
In the de-briefing for all players, the groups should tell each other what information they got and how they experienced the game.

Help to read the instructions:

Count how many sticks are on the table. Find the corresponding drawing in the manual. Take exactly the sticks that are marked in gray.

Example:

It is R's turn. On the table there are three stacks with 8 - 9 - 8 sticks.  
R takes 7 sticks from the first stack.



## About the game

Duration: ca. 15-20 minutes

Target group: people aged 12 and over

To deepen the discussion, we recommend the short video "The Chinese Room Experiment":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0MD4sRHj1M>

The downloadable game and other materials are available at: <https://imaginary.org/project/chanceki>

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