

# How to play mancala

If you want to see a video of how Mancala is played, try: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjfajYNYfgc>

## SETTING UP THE BOARD



- Put all of the SEEDS equally into all of the PITS, missing the MANCALA at each end (this is the storage area).
- Each player has 6 pits and the mancala to their right. Play is counter-clockwise.

## OBJECT

The player with the most seeds wins the game.

## HOW TO PLAY

- Player 1 picks up all of the seeds in one of their pits (they can chose any pit they like).
- They then 'sow' one seed in every pit after that one until they run out of seeds. (the only hole that they must not sow in, is their opponent's mancala).
- If the last piece you drop is in your own Mancala, you take another turn.
- If the last piece you drop is in an empty pocket on your side, you capture that piece and any pieces in the pocket directly opposite.
- Always place all captured pieces in your Mancala (store).

## HOW TO WIN

- The game ends when all six pockets on one side of the Mancala board are empty.
- The player who still has pieces on his/her side of the board when the game ends captures all of those pieces.
- Count all the pieces in each Mancala. The winner is the player with the most pieces.