

WHO ARE THE LUCKY ONES – AN INSTRUCTIVE GAME OF CHANCE?

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This is a game to illustrate how life can turn out for different people in the world.

- Cut the cards into squares and keep them face down, shuffled, in front of you.
- Buy small sweets, say Smarties and such like, and put them into a bowl.
- Sit some Scouts in a semicircle in front of you, on the floor.
- Pick one card and hand it to first Scout. Ask Scout to read the contents.
- Depending on instructions in the card Scout may or may not take some sweets.
- If need be, explain the contents and why they can or cannot take a sweet.
- Having finished all 30 cards explain to Scouts that this is how life can turn out.
- Some people are lucky, some are not ... elucidate. Life is dependent on many factors.

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1

A flood wiped out your family's crops and you have no money.
Take no treat.

2

Because of the efforts of a Canadian well-driller, your village now has water to use on the field.
You can now afford one treat.

3

You have just left school and were lucky enough to get a job. However you need all your money to help send your younger brother to school.
Take no treat.

4

There was such a bad drought that the crops your family planted didn't grow.
You cannot afford a treat.

5

Your family's small farm produced very little this year because fertiliser costs were too high for you to afford.
Take no treat.

6

Your father got free schooling and now has a very good job.
Take 10 treats and eat as many as you can as fast as you can.

7

You have just helped the family harvest the crop. It has been very hard work.
You can now afford one treat.

8

Using what you learned in school, you helped your family grow a garden this year.
You can now afford one treat.

9

Your family's crop was mostly eaten by locusts this year and you couldn't afford pesticide.
Take no treat.

10

Your parents both have tuberculosis and are too ill to work.
Take no treat.

11

Your family grows coffee. Since the crop was very good this year, there is a surplus and the price has fallen.
You may have only one treat instead of the two you got last year.

12

Your father just got a big wage increase.
You may take seven treats. Eat as many of them as you can as quickly as you can.

13

A teacher taught your family how to keep a few chickens to provide eggs to improve your health.
You can now afford one treat.

14

Your father is blind because of an infection in the water. Your mother cannot work because she has no one to look after the children.
Take no treat.

15

Your family has just harvested a big crop of jute (used to make burlap bags). Since many of the buyers of jute have switched to using plastic bags, the price for jute has fallen.
You may have only one treat instead of the two you got last year.

16

Your family owns and runs a small business. Because you all have worked quite hard, you have done quite well. You may have eight treats. Eat as many of them as you can as quickly as you can.

17

Your father can't get a job because he cannot read or write (there was no school in your village when he was young). Take no treat.

18

Both your parents are unemployed, but they get unemployment benefit. You may have four treats. Eat as many of them as you can as quickly as you can

19

Your father has been looking for work every day but there are always many people applying for the same jobs and he has not been successful yet. Take no treat.

20

You have harvested a big crop this year. You would be able to afford three treats if the farm were yours, but you have to give two-thirds of your income to the owner of the land who lives in a big house in the city. Take one treat.

21

Your father has just lost his job in a textile factory. The wealthy country which had been buying the cloth decided they should produce more of their own. Take no treat.

22

Your family's food bills have gone up a lot this year because of large orders for grain and soya beans to fatten beef cattle in a wealthy country. Take two treats, but eat only one. At the end of the game, give your second treat to the person who got the most.

23

Your father has a good job but he must pay school fees for you and your three brothers. Take only one treat.

24

Your family has just inherited a great deal of money from a wealthy relative. You can have 12 treats. Eat as many of them as you can as quickly as you can.

25

Although your family is one of the wealthiest in the village, they have just spent a lot of money on your grandfather's funeral. It would have been considered disrespectful if they hadn't done so. Take only one treat.

26

All of your family's income this year was needed to cover the hospital bills incurred when you broke your leg. Take no treat.

27

Your father works on a fishing boat, but the fish he catches are sold to feed the pets of wealthy people. Take two treats but eat only one. At the end of the game, give your second treat to the person who got the most

28

Your father works at an iron mine. Raising his wages would mean that the company would have fewer profits for the owners in wealthy countries. Take only one treat.

29

Your parents both work. Although their wages are not high, you can afford six treats. Eat as many as you can as quickly as you can.

30

Ever since your father had malaria, he has been too weak to work. Your mother is dead. Take no treat.