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MAMA WHITE SNAKE



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MAMA WHITE SNAKE WATCH PARTY!

Are you preparing to watch *Mama White Snake*? We've asked the main characters – Madam White, Auntie Green, Meng, Fahai, Madam Ngiao and Mimi – how to best enjoy the show!

Here's what they have to say:



Prepare a tasty plate of mice -
I mean, rice - with something nice.



Make a headpiece for the night.
Let your beauty be your might!



Turn on the captions while you watch!
Sing with us, the whole night through!



Not so loud that your neighbour hear...
Or at your door they will appear.



Now, sit back and just press play!
Let us take you far away.



Come back here when you are done.
In this book, we'll have more fun!



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ABOUT THE SHOW



SYNOPSIS

For all his young life, Meng has dreamt of adventures beyond the confines of Emei Mountain. But his mother and aunt have always kept him close, warning him of the dangers and strangers lurking in the outside world.

Finally, Meng decides he has had enough of the creature comforts of home. Striking out on his own, he enrolls in a martial arts school run by the mysterious Master Fahai.

There, he finds new friends and new love... even as old secrets from his family's past slither to the surface. Fahai soon realises that Meng has been kept in the dark about who his mother and aunt really are: the magical White Snake and Green Snake of legend!

What will Meng do when he learns of his true heritage? Will Fahai succeed in driving a wedge between Meng and his mum? And, as chaos breaks out between enemies old and new, can true love overcome ancient rivalries and family quarrels?

ABOUT THE WILD RICE HOLIDAY MUSICAL

In 2003, WILD RICE decided to bring the traditional British pantomime to the Singapore stage - with a local twist. of course! Since then, the WILD RICE holiday musical has entertained close to 235,000 people of all ages and from all walks of life, and has become one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the holiday season and the Singapore theatre calendar.

Here are some facts and trivia about our holiday musical that we hope will enrich your enjoyment of *Mama White Snake*!



ORIGINS & HISTORY

WILD RICE's annual holiday musical was inspired by the Christmas pantomime - a uniquely British theatre institution that dates back to the Middle Ages. Tracing its roots to the raucous, no-holds-barred comedy of the Italian *commedia dell'arte* and British music hall traditions, the pantomime has proven expansive enough to embrace all forms of comedy - from slapstick to satire, stand-up and more. Typical pantomimes are also a riot of song and dance, with eclectic scores made up of popular songs of the day with rewritten lyrics.

At the beginning, WILD RICE's pantomimes shared many of these traits. Since then, the company has kept challenging the form and limits of the pantomime. Today, WILD RICE's pantomimes are full-fledged original musicals comparable to anything you'll see on Broadway or in the West End, created by some of Singapore's best playwrights and composers.



REINVENTING A FAMILIAR STORY

Pantomimes are based on well-known stories that place an emphasis on morality and romance - good triumphs over evil, true love conquers all, and everyone lives happily ever after.

To this end, WILD RICE has revised and revamped beloved fairy tales and legends from all over the world for Singapore audiences - from *Cinderel-LAH!* (2003, 2010) to *Aladdin* (2004, 2011), *Oi! Sleeping Beauty!!* (2005), *Jack & the Bean-Sprout!* (two different versions in 2007 and 2013), *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs* (2008), *Beauty & The Beast* (2009), *Hansel & Gretel* (2013), *Monkey Goes West* (2014, 2016), *The Emperor's New Clothes* (2015), *Mama White Snake* (2017), *A Singapore Carol* (2018) and *Peter Pan in Serangoon Gardens* (2019).



POLITICAL INCORRECTNESS

Pantomimes are never politically correct. They poke both gentle and cruel fun at our human foibles and, through humour, bring us face to face with our greed, prejudice, cowardice and dishonesty. No one in authority is safe – parents, royalty, political personalities and public institutions are all figures of fun and targets for mockery. If only we had more of a sense of humour in everyday life!



CROSS-DRESSING

Cross-dressing has long been a hallmark of the pantomime. Typically, its 'leading lady' – or Dame – is a man dressed as a woman, playing the villain, the hero's mother or a funny sidekick. The subversive thrill that comes from gender-bending roles and characters also lends itself to endless comedic opportunities.



AGE-LESS THEATRE

Billed as theatre for kids from the ages of 5 to 105, the pantomime brings out the children in audiences – both the young and the young at heart – by giving them permission to misbehave. Audience participation is very much encouraged, as the success of the show relies on an overt complicity between actor and audience.

There is something for everybody in a pantomime, which is what makes it family entertainment. Children will be delighted by the imaginative twists given to well-loved tales, while mums and dads will enjoy (or cringe at!) the below-the-belt innuendos and double entendres that spice up the show.



JUVENILES OR BABES

Juveniles, or 'Babes', have featured in pantomimes since the Victorian days. Children enjoy seeing other children of their own age on stage, while adults will be charmed by the talent of our young, precocious performers.

Over the years, WILD RICE is incredibly proud to have given 370 children from the ages of 5 to 12 the opportunity to learn, work and perform alongside Singapore's professional theatre-makers through our First Stage programme.

CHARACTERS



Madam White played by Glen Goei

Madam White lives on Emei Mountain with her son, Meng, and her sister, Auntie Green. They run a pharmacy where they treat all sorts of ailments and diseases. She loves Meng but is also extremely protective of him. Like all mothers, she worries about his safety and well-being and is afraid to let him venture out on his own.

Oh, one more thing... Madam White is also an immortal snake spirit with powerful magical powers!



Auntie Green played by Ivan Heng

Auntie Green was rescued by Madam White just before she had her gallbladder removed (when she was in snake form). Ever since then, they have become sisters. As Meng's beloved Auntie, she is more lenient with Meng, though she also wants the best for him.

Just like her sister, she is also an immortal snake spirit with great magic and martial art skills!



Meng played by Andrew Marko

Meng has spent all of his young life in and around Emei Mountain, living and working with his mother, Madam White, and his aunt, Auntie Green, as they run their famous pharmacy.

However, Meng is itching to leave home and explore the outside world! What will he discover when he leaves the comforts of home?

CHARACTERS



Fahai played by Siti Khalijah Zainal

Fahai is a retired spirit hunter and expert martial artist. He is the founder of Golden Mountain School, a world-renowned martial arts academy that accepts only students who show the most promise.

He lives there with his wife, Madam Ngiao, and their daughter, Mimi.

He may be an old man now, but don't underestimate him and his skills – he'll surprise you!



Madam Ngiao played by Zelda Tatiana Ng

Madam Ngiao is the Mistress of Poisons. She knows more about poisons than you can find on the internet and has a very extensive personal collection of poisons.

She uses her talents to help villagers take care of their pest problems to ensure bountiful harvests!



Mimi played by Cheryl Tan

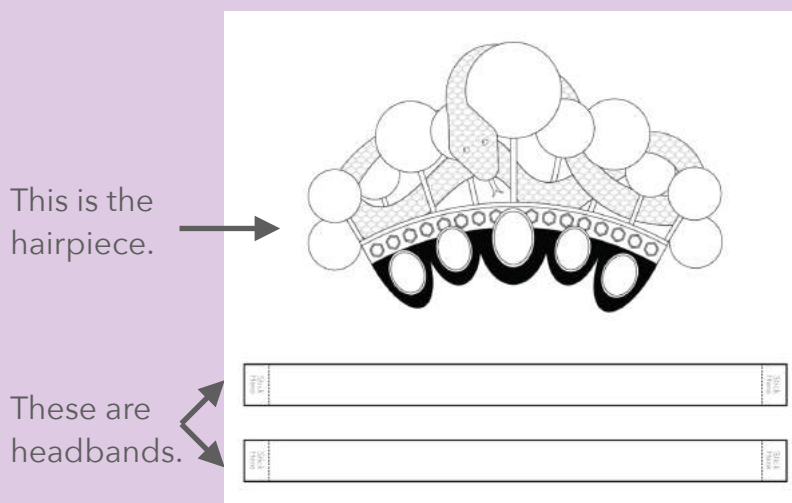
Mimi is the kind-hearted daughter of Fahai and Madam Ngiao. She trains at the Golden Mountain School with her father, and helps her mother out by gathering all the poisonous plants she needs for her work.

Be careful - she knows *both* kung-fu and poisons!

MAKE YOUR OWN CHINESE OPERA HEADPIECE

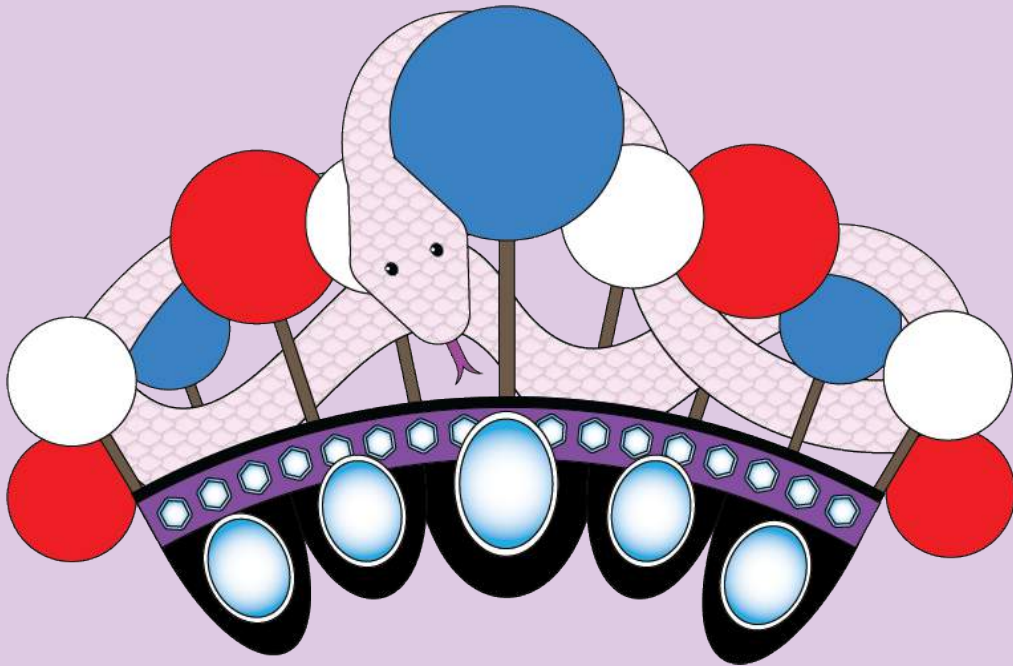
Madam White and Auntie Green have some really beautiful hair pins but, when they go out for battle, they wear their headpieces! Gear up and join us in the big battle by making your own headpiece!

1. Here's a sample of the hairpiece

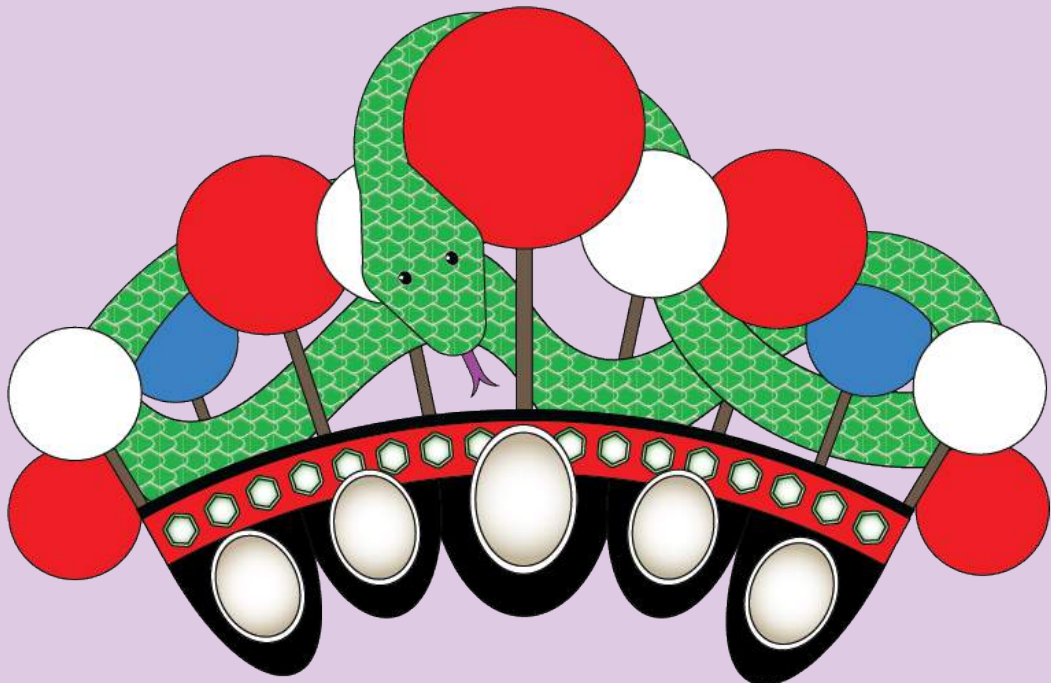


2. Print out the template (don't forget to scale it to a suitable size for you!), or draw your own a fresh piece of paper. We recommend doing this on art card or something sturdier.
3. Colour and decorate the hairpiece as you like. You can see two different versions inspired by Madam White and Auntie Green on the next page!
4. Ask an adult for help to cut out the headpiece along the outlines.
5. Assemble the entire headpiece by attaching the main hairpiece to the two headbands. You can shorten or lengthen the headbands so it fits your head.
6. Wear your headpiece when watching the show! Or anytime to add that extra touch of fabulousness to your outfit!

SAMPLE HEADPIECES

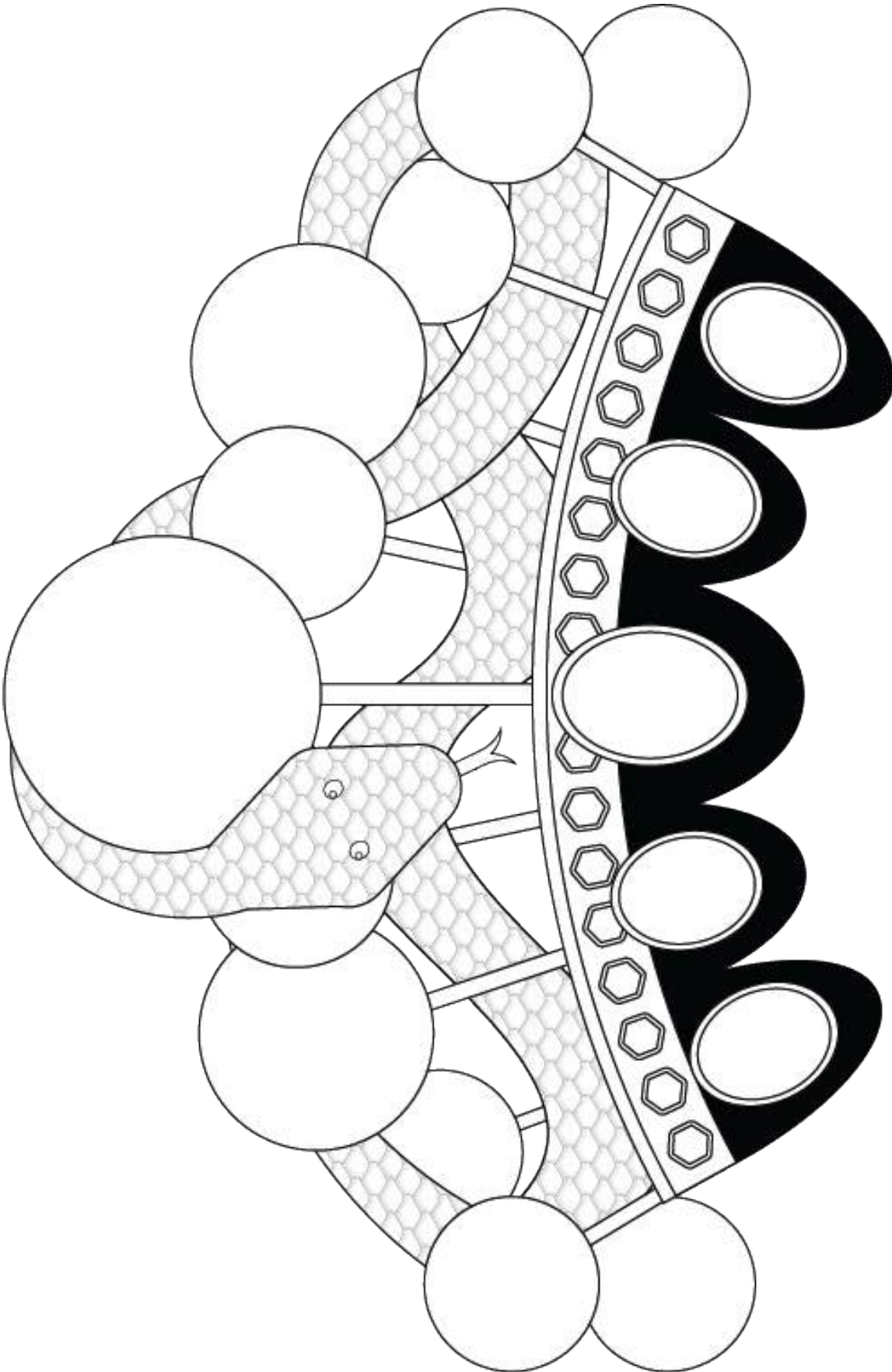


Madam White-Inspired Headpiece



Auntie Green-Inspired Headpiece

HEADPIECE



Stick Here	Stick Here
Stick Here	Stick Here



SING-ALONG WITH US!

Mama White Snake is filled with catchy songs that are simply impossssssible to resist. As you watch the show, sing along with us! Here's how:

1. Open up the *Mama White Snake* YouTube page. It should look something like this:



2. In the bottom-right corner, click on this button:



3. This button will toggle the subtitles on and off. Turn them on and the lyrics will appear at the bottom of the screen as you watch!
4. Now have a sip of honey lemon and sing with us!

SONG TITLE STORIES

Mama White Snake has some really great songs with really dramatic titles that also make for great story titles!

Challenge yourself to write a story using one of the song titles as the title of your story. You can use the following page to do so.

PEOPLE ARE DANGEROUS

THE OPPOSITE OF ME

CURIOUS



TEACH ME

WRONG AND RIGHT



TITLE:

SNAKE HUNTING

Did you now that there are more than 3,000 species of snakes in the world? Hunt for some of the more commonly known types of snakes!



COBRA

RATTLESNAKE

BOA

PYTHON

GARTER

SEA

ANACONDA

VIPER

ADDER



MAMA WHITE NAKE CAREER QUIZ

There are many different career paths for you to take. Will you study medicine like Madam White, concoct poisons like Madam Ngiao or train to become a master of the martial arts like Fahai? Find out which career path is most suitable for you by circling your answers and adding up your scores at the end.

Q1. What temperature do you set the air conditioner to when you sleep?

- A. 16°C. Singapore is too hot!
- B. No lower than 25°C. Let's save the Earth.
- C. I don't use aircon. I use a standing fan.
- D. Always maintain 22°C.

Q2. You're planning a party - what do you have planned for entertainment?

- A. Hell's Kitchen.
- B. The Dr Oz Show.
- C. Endless re-runs of kung-fu movies.
- D. Whatever is trending on TikTok.

Q3. What is your ideal travel destination?

- A. A forest full of exotic and mysterious flowers.
- B. A Zen Garden with a natural hot spring.
- C. Anywhere, as long as it's an adventure!
- D. Disneyland!

Q4. Where do you live?

- A. Up on a mountain.
- B. Up on a mountain.
- C. Up on a mountain.
- D. A HDB flat.

Q5. What's the best way to eat corn?

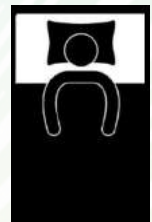
- A. Corn in a cup, with lots of butter!
- B. Corn on the cob, no butter.
- C. Popcorn. It's a low-calorie snack.
- D. Popcorn Chicken!

Q6. How do you sleep at night?

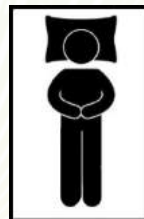
A.



B.



C.



D.



Q7. Which is your favourite animal?

- A. Snake.
- B. Rats and mice!
- C. Dragon.
- D. Corgi.

Q8. What is your hair-washing routine?

- A. Shampoo, conditioner & hair mask.
- B. Organic coconut shampoo and organic conditioner with shea butter.
- C. Body soap and water.
- D. 3-in-1 soap.

Q9. You're at school and forgot to ask your parents to sign the consent form for an excursion. What do you do?

- A. Forge your parent's signature and submit the consent form.
- B. "I'm sorry, cher, my pet rat ate it. Can I have another form? I will bring tomorrow. Promise."
- C. Distract and find a way to make your teacher forget all about the form.
- D. Call your parents and ask them to come to school to sign the form.

Q10. What is your favourite game at the arcade?

- A. Whack-A-Mole.
- B. Arcade? I'd rather play Mahjong. It's good for the brain.
- C. Dance Dance Revolution.
- D. Claw Machine! I want that new toy!

Q11. What's your favourite National Day song?

- A. Reach Out For The Skies.
- B. Count On Me, Singapore.
- C. Stand Up For Singapore.
- D. Majulah Singapura.

Q11. What do you do when faced with an enemy?

- A. Surprise them with some funky powder that will make them hallucinate.
- B. Get them a cup of soothing camomile tea, and tell them to relax.
- C. Karate-Chop!
- D. Call Mummy and Daddy to sort this out for you.

To get your result: count the number of As, Bs, Cs and Ds you picked and write down the number in the table below.

ANSWERS	SCORE
A	
B	
C	
D	

And the Career Path you should take is...

If you chose mostly:

As: You're an Expert of Poisons — just like Madam Ngiao.

Bs: Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner like Madam White. The power of healing flows through your hands!

Cs: You're a Martial Artist! With skills and expertise of Kung-Fu — like Master Fahai.

Ds: Anything that pays you CPF, gives you benefits, at least 14 days' annual leave to travel and good career progression.

CIRCUIT BREAKER SPECIAL

VIDEO-CALL-FRIENDLY GAMES

Need some ideas to make the Circuit-Breaker fun? Meng and Mimi have been playing some games over video call. Ask a parent, a sibling or some friends (over video call) to play these games with you!

Two Truths, One Lie

2 to 8 people

5 to 12 minutes

Sometimes, people tell a little white lie – like Madam White Snake telling Meng it's too dangerous to leave Mount Emei. Madam White didn't mean any harm; she was just trying to do what she felt was best to protect and keep Meng safe.

In this game, you'll come up with some statements of truths and lies - try to see if you can guess when your friends and family are telling the truth or trying to trick you!

Instructions:

1. Each person playing the game should think of three statements:
 - Two statements that are true
 - One statement that is a lie
2. Each person takes a turn to tell everyone their three statements. Make sure you mix up the order of the statements!
3. TIP: Try not to give it away with your facial expressions when it's your turn, so the others won't be able to guess which statements are true or false.
4. Try to figure out which statements are true and which statements is a lie!



JI GU PA:

EPIC KUNG-FU SHOWDOWN!

You've heard of Scissors-Paper-Stone... Now try your hand at this fast-paced, ancient Chinese traditional martial art form: Ji Gu Pa.

1. Two players are needed to play this game. So grab a buddy to play with you.
2. *Ji, Gu and Pa*, each refer to a hand symbol as follows:



Ji (Scissors)



Gu (Stone)



Pa (Paper)

3. **Starting the game:** Both players will say 'Ji, Gu, Pa!' and choose one symbol for both hands, like so:

P1



P2

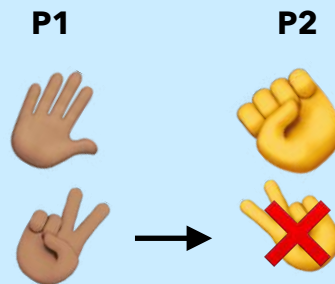


4. **Taking a Turn to Attack:** The person with the winning symbol at the start of the game goes first. In this case, P1 wins because they played 'scissors' while P2 played 'paper'. P1 can change the symbols on both his hands to any other symbol. They can be two different symbols too! For example, P1 decides to do this:

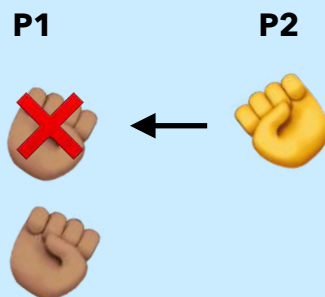
P1



5. **Defending:** At the same time that P1 changes their hand symbols, P2 can change theirs too, like the diagram below. The goal is not to have any of the same hand symbols as P1, who is attacking. Because P2 has the same Ji (Scissors) symbol, P2's left hand is out of the game.

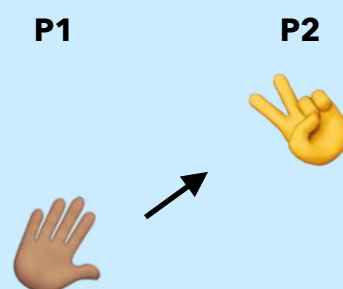


6. **Take Turns:** Now, it's P2's turn to attack and P1's turn to defend! Here's what happens:



Oh no, P1 loses 1 hand here!

7. **Nothing Happens:** P1's turn to attack again. Here's what happens:



P2 manages to defend themselves successfully, so it's back to P2's turn to attack. The game will go on until one player loses both hands!

PSST! If you're still unsure about the rules, ask someone born in the 1990s or earlier and they should be able to help you with it!

WILD RICE ACADEMY

Weekly drama classes for children aged 5 to 12

Learning Comes Alive through Drama and Storytelling!

Ignite your child's imagination, inspire their confidence and equip them with skills for life. WILD RICE is proud to present drama classes conducted by experienced teachers who are passionate about bringing out the best in your child.

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