This game was developed for students to explore and learn about the basics of hygiene; how germs are transmitted, and how they can make us ill.

Suitable for students aged 5+

Learning Outcome: Students will be aware of the basic rules of hygiene and how diseases can be transmitted.
Theme: Hygiene  
Age range: 5+

Context:
This game was developed for students to explore and learn about the basics of hygiene; how germs are transmitted, and how they can make us ill. The importance of how germs are spread has been highlighted by various campaigns to reduce the infection rate of many illnesses world wide. You might want to make your own variation of the game cards to reflect other hygiene issues in your environment. Please send them to the address below so that we can expand the our library of resources.

Preparation:
Print out the A4 sheets.
There are 24 scenario cards. There are also 3 blank cards in case you wish to add your own.
If possible, cover the pages of germ cards and scenario cards with ‘clear pvc self adhesive book cover film’. Then cut them up.

HOW TO PLAY:
Germ Warfare is played in groups of three to four children.
Place the germ cards in a pile face up.
Shuffle the scenario cards and place them in a pile face down, in the middle of the table.
Players take turns to pick a scenario card.
The group must decide if the card the player has picked up is a ‘clean’ or ‘dirty’ card.
If the group decides that it is a ‘dirty’ card then the player must pick up a ‘germ’.
When a player has four ‘germs’ she/he is too ill and is out of the game.

Learning Outcomes:
Students will be aware of the basic rules of hygiene and how diseases can be transmitted. If you have found further learning outcomes please share them by emailing collaborate@mantralingua.com.

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use TalkingPEN to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via “ShareLINK”.)
Germ Cards

(Cut out the pictures along the dotted lines and make into cards.)
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You pick up food with dirty fingers

Your drink is in a dirty mug

You keep fresh food in the fridge

The baby is crawling on the dirty floor

You eat a chocolate bar after stroking the dog

You put dish cloths in bleach

You throw away cracked plates

You put disinfectant down the toilet

You sneeze over someone else
You wash your hands with soap. You put a plaster on a cut finger. There are flies in your kitchen. You dry the pots with a dirty tea-towel. The cat likes to lick your plate. You throw old food in the dustbin. You use somebody else’s hanky. There is a mouse in the kitchen. You keep food covered up.
You find a lolly and suck it

You eat mouldy food

You do not flush the toilet

You always use paper tissues

You drop your sweets but do not pick them up

You put dirty fingers into your mouth