

Promises, promises

Speaking and listening game

How good are you at negotiating? Divide up roles 1–4. Player 2 has an orange. You have five minutes to persuade the other players that you deserve the orange.

Player 1 can speak to everyone together or have separate meetings with the other players.

You are negotiating for an orange.

Player 2 has an orange, and you want as much of it as you can get by the end of the game.

You have power because only you are allowed to peel the orange.

Your aim is to get everyone to agree that you should be given the orange before the time is up. You don't have to be honest about what you'll do! You can make as many secret promises as you like – the only one you have to keep is the one you make to Player 4.

Player 3 can speak to everyone openly or have secret meetings with Player 1 and Player 4.

You are negotiating for an orange.

You want the orange that Player 2 has, or as much of it as you can get, but Player 1 is the only one who can peel it.

To win, you need Player 1 and/or Player 4 to promise the orange to you and NOT to Player 2.

Make whatever arguments you can to prove you need the orange.

Player 2 can speak to everyone openly or have secret meetings with Player 1.

You are negotiating for an orange.

You have an orange. You want to keep it, but only Player 1 has the power to peel it for you.

You will lose the whole orange at the end of the game unless you have given it to Player 1.

You are worried Player 1 won't give it back to you, so before you run out of time you must get them to promise to return it and NOT give it to anyone else. Explain that you should have it back because it's YOUR orange.

Player 4 can speak to everyone openly or have secret meetings with Players 1 or 3.

You are negotiating for an orange.

You want the orange from Player 2, but you must finish the game with at least half the orange. Only Player 1 has the power to peel the orange, so you only need to persuade them to give you half.

Player 2 starts with the orange

Answers

Player 1 is Great Britain in World War I – here's what happened to you.

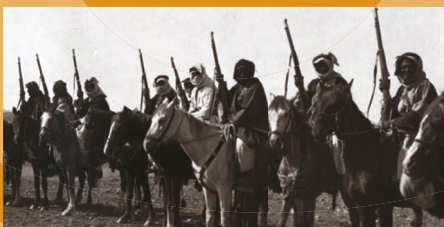
During World War I, Britain was fighting the Ottoman Empire, which controlled the Middle East. You badly need the help of the Arabs who live there to fight – they also want to be free of the Ottomans. You also hope that by promising Zionists a Jewish homeland, you will get more support for the war from Russia and the USA. But really, after the war, you decide it will be best if you control the area yourself, alongside your ally France.

Player 3 represents the Jewish Zionists of Europe during World War I – Jews who wanted a homeland. Here's what happened to you.

Jews in Europe still experienced antisemitic persecution. Many Jews wanted a homeland for themselves. They were called 'Zionists'. They hoped this homeland could be in Palestine, the part of the Ottoman Empire where the Jewish Kingdom of Israel and Judah had been in ancient times. During World War I, Britain was fighting the Ottoman Empire in Palestine. Britain's Lord Balfour made a declaration in 1917, promising Jews a homeland as long as it did not damage the rights of the Arabs already living there.

Player 2 represents the Arabs in World War I – here's what happened to you.

During World War I, the Arabs were fighting the Ottoman Empire for your freedom. You want to be free to rule yourselves after the war is over, but you know you need Britain's help to finally defeat the Ottomans. Britain and France repeatedly promised the Arabs self-rule in return for you fighting.



Player 4 is France during World War I – here's what really happened.

France, alongside Britain, fought the Ottoman Empire in World War I. Like Britain, France hoped to gain control of new areas in the Middle East after the war. With the British, you promised the Arabs self-rule, so the Arabs agreed to fight on your side.

Together, Britain and France secretly signed the Sykes-Picot Agreement in 1916, dividing the captured Ottoman lands between you.



Palestine – a twice promised land

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