

RORSCHACH

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You awake from troubled dreams. Looking around, you see that something isn't right. White walls with no windows. A locked door. "How are you all feeling?," a male voice asks. You and the others turn your heads to the voice. In the corner, half-hidden in the shadow, an elderly bearded man sits at a table. He introduces himself as Professor Rorschach, a psychiatrist. There must be some mistake, you say confused. You're all perfectly fine. "Of course you are", Rorschach says and smiles. "Let's just make sure by doing a few tests. Or should I say, by playing a game ..."

Components

100 image cards



100 word cards

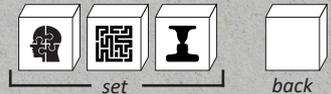


18 markers

3 black sets:

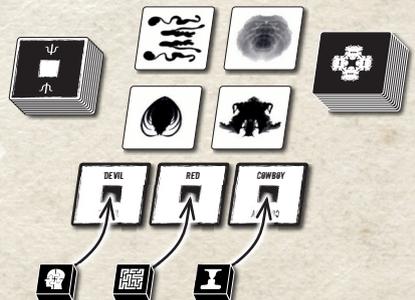


3 white sets:



Setup

- Form two teams: **team black** and **team white**. **Team black** takes the 9 black markers, **team white** takes the 9 white markers.
- Put a word card pile and an image card pile on the table. Draw four image cards and three word cards and put them face-up on the table.
- Put three different black markers face-up on the word cards. Each of them later represents the word (card) it is placed on.

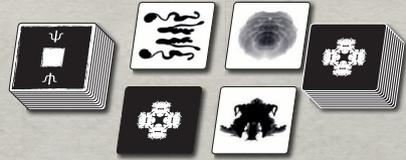


Playing the game

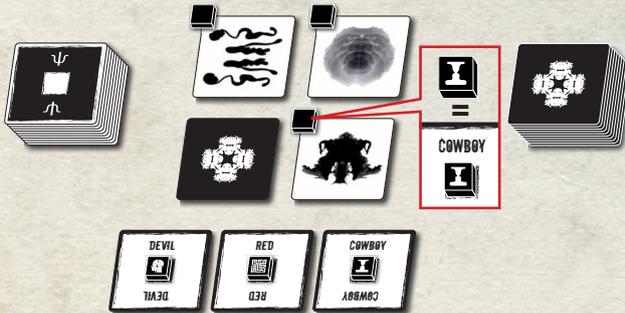
The “game” is played over several rounds. Each round a player secretly pairs words with inkblot images while the others try to guess those pairings. The team that is more successful in doing so wins and passes Roschach’s test.

Each round goes as follows:

Team black starts the first round. Before that, **team white** turns one of the image cards on its back. (You should turn around the image that might be matched to one of the words most easily.)



Then a member of **team black** secretly puts 3 different markers (face-down) on the 3 face-up image cards. Thus, the player pairs each word with one image card. After doing so the member of **team black** has to act neutral, not giving hints to anybody.



Now **team black** (secretly) discusses, which words and images their team mate might have paired. They chose one image that might fit and place a black marker face-up on it. In this example they pair the word „cowboy” with the bottom right image.

Now **team white** also puts one of its 3 white markers face-up on the same image card. In this example they chose the word „devil”.

Afterwards – drum roll please – the face-down marker is turned around. And the scoring phase begins.



Scoring

There are four possible scoring scenarios:

1st scenario: **team black** pairs **wrong**, **team white** pairs **wrong**.

In this case none of the teams gets a card. And the round ends.



2nd scenario: **team black** pairs **wrong**, **team white** pairs **right**.

In this case **team white** gets the card. And the round ends.



3rd scenario: **team black** pairs **right**, **team white** pairs **wrong**.

In this case **team black** gets at least the first card. Additionally (only) **team black** puts a second marker on another image card. If they have paired right again they also get the second card. And the round ends.



4th scenario: **team black** pairs **right**, **team white** pairs **right**.

In this case no team gets the first card. Then (only) **team black** puts a marker on a second image card. If they are right, they get the card. If they are wrong, **team white** gets it. And the round ends.



After scoring a round ends. All of the unscored cards are put under the piles of word cards and image cards again. Then the next round starts. The rules are the same, but the teams switch – the roles of **team white** and **team black** are reversed.

The game ends, when a team has scored at least 4 cards. Only the members of this team are allowed to leave Rorschach's place. "For the other team I have already prepared some nice rooms", the professor says and smiles.

Quick overview of the scoring scenarios:

team black* guesses	team white guesses	1st card gets	team black guesses again?	... gets 2nd card, if	
				guess is right	guess is wrong
right	right	nobody	yes	team black	team white
right	wrong	team black	yes	team black	nobody
wrong	right	team white	no		
wrong	wrong	nobody	no		

* This overview represents the first round of Rorschach. Each following round the teams play with reversed roles. So the team colors in this overview also change – **team black** becomes **team white** and the other way around.



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