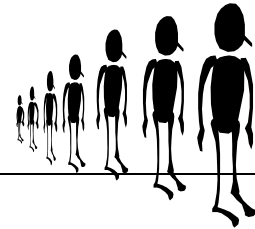


# The Human Population Game



**Object:** The object is to make a sustainable civilization.

**Set up:** A "civilization" can be managed by one person, or by a team of two. Each civilization needs a chart as shown below. Civilizations begin at generation 1, with a population of 15 (10 of whom are of "fertile" age). Natural resources begin at 85.

**Play:** A civilization decides what its birth rate should be, and carries out calculations or actions as shown in the table. (Remember to round births and deaths to nearest whole number.)

**Ending the game:** The game ends after 10 generations, or when either "final population" or "final resources" falls to 0 or negative. (A population that exhausts its resources is not sustainable.)

Generation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Initial population = final population from previous generation	15									
Initial resources = final resources from previous generation	85									
Fertile population = new children from previous generation	10									
Birth rate per fertile person (choose birth rate of 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, or 3)										
New births = fertile population × birth rate										
Child mortality rate (roll die: 1 or 2: 0.0; 3 or 4: 0.1; 5 or 6: 0.2)										
Child deaths = new births × child mortality rate										
New children = new births – child deaths										
New population = initial population + new children										
Adult mortality rate (roll die: 1 or 2: 0.2; 3 or 4: 0.3; 5 or 6: 0.4)										
Adult deaths = new population × adult mortality rate										
Final population = new population – adult deaths										
Final resources = 100 – final population										