

Inflation Card Shark Game

The object of this introductory activity is to provide some current statistics associated with contraceptive use in a fun, engaging way.

Materials

- One Deck of Cards—*I like the Jumbo Sized Cards (Teacher controls these) Aces can be high or low but must be decided before play begins*
- Scoreboard—Chalkboard or White board divided in half vertically—
- Survey Questions
- Two Teams

Directions:

Divide your class into two teams.

Each team chooses a player to go first.

The team to go first is determined by the age of the first player...oldest goes first.

To see who will control the board...

Ask Player 1 on the first team—#1 the following survey question and ask them to respond with a #, writing it on their half of the board—*they can consult their team if necessary*:

According to the Labor Department...

- By approximately what percent did inflation grow over the last year? (*correct answer is 8%*)

Ask Player #1 on the opposing team—#2 if they think the # presented by the other team is higher or lower? They must respond with an up or down arrow, writing it on their half of the board—*they can consult their team if necessary*.

If the opposing team—#2 answer is correct, they play the first card. If not, the first team—#1 controls the board.

The winning team gets their first card. The team must decide if the next card will be higher or lower. If their prediction is correct, they flip the next card. If it is correct, they predict the next card and so on. The object is to predict all the cards correctly to win the round. If the prediction is wrong or is the same card value, the opposing team gets to play their first card. If their prediction is correct, they flip the next card. If it is correct, they predict the next card and so on. The object is to predict all the cards correctly to win the round. If they do not predict the next card correctly, a new survey question is presented to determine who gets control of their board.

This continues until four cards are predicted correctly. If four are predicted correctly, the winning team gets a point and a new round is started, with five new cards.

Prompts include:

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage of people say they have seen higher prices when shopping for gas over the last year? *(correct answer is 92%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage of people say they have seen higher prices when shopping for groceries over the last year? *(correct answer is 80%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did used car and truck prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 41%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did gasoline prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 40%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did bacon prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 18%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did bedroom furniture prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 14%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did women's dress prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 11%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did Amazon Prime membership prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 17%)*

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- What percentage did postage stamp prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 6%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did home improvement prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 57%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did rent prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 37%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did dining out prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 34%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did clothing prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 21%)*

According to the Labor Department...

- What percentage did major appliance prices rise over the last year? *(correct answer is 10%)*

Sources:

[Consumer Reports](#)

WSJ Articles

[NGPF FinCap Friday](#)

View [Understanding Inflation](#) if time permits