The Kansas Game
Directions

This game was developed to highlight official and unofficial symbols of Kansas.

This game is for two to four players but can be adapted to use with groups. The players on each game board represent the American buffalo, the Western Meadowlark, a honeybee, or a Barred Tiger Salamander.

Gather 4 items to use as game pieces. (Example: 4 clipart pieces at the bottom of this page, 4 Legos of differing colors, 4 coins of different denominations). Print one copy of the game board and one set of the game cards. Cut the game cards apart.

Play the game.
1. Lay the game board out and place the game cards face down in a stack where all players can reach them.
2. Have each player choose a game piece and place it on one of the four starting points - prairie grass for the “buffalo” player, nest for the “Western Meadowlark” player, bee hive for the “honeybee” player, and pond for the “Barred Tiger Salamander” player.
3. The youngest player goes first. The play moves to the left.
4. On his/her turn the player takes the top game card off the stack, completes the directions on the card, moves his/her piece forward one space, and places the card face up on a stack next to the original face down stack. If the card drawn says to go to the field of sunflowers, the flag, the turtle, or the cottonwood tree the player should place his/her game piece on top of that image on the board and wait until his/her next turn to draw another card.
5. The first player to reach the state of Kansas wins.

To adapt the lesson for a larger group:
• Make one game board for every four players.
• Give each player a game piece and set each board up for four players as indicated in the directions above.
• The game cards can be controlled by an adult with players on each board doing the action on the drawn card at the same time.

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Snort like a buffalo

Walk like a buffalo

Point to something brown

Go to the field of sunflowers
Dance like a honeybee
Buzz like a bee
Pretend to play a drum
Point to something green like a leaf
Pretend to be cotton blowing off a cottonwood tree

Visit the Box Turtle

Pretend to build a house

Pretend to march in a parade
Sing like a meadowlark

Pretend to be a scared turtle

Point to something yellow like a sunflower

Pretend to fly like a bird
Pretend to build a nest

Hop like a meadowlark

Point to something that is a circle

Go to the flag
Point to something that is a rectangle

Pretend to rope a cow

Make a sound like a train

Pretend to fly like an airplane
Show how raindrops fall

Pretend to fly a kite

Spin around like a tornado

Say your ABCs as fast as you can
Pretend to eat a sandwich

Count to ten

Pretend to climb a cottonwood tree

Pretend to plant a sunflower seed
Go see the Cottonwood Tree