

Senet

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

The table contains the following symbols in its cells:


- Cell 15: A red Ankh symbol.
- Cell 26: Three vertical symbols, each consisting of a vertical line with a circular base.
- Cell 27: Three horizontal wavy lines.
- Cell 28: A symbol representing three birds or ducks.
- Cell 29: A symbol representing two seated human figures.



Preparation:

Cut out the counters – you could stick them to pennies, card or leave them as they are. Cut out the Pharaoh sticks and glue them onto lolly sticks or card (they will be easier to throw).

Place the counters on the board on alternate squares, like this:

, starting at square 1 and finishing at square 10.

The Pharaoh sticks are like a dice. Throw them and count the number that land face up. This is the number to move your counter.



Rules: (This is a game for 2 players).

Throw the Pharaoh sticks; the person with the highest number goes first. Move in a similar way to a snakes and ladders board (the numbers on the board will help you).

If you throw a 2, 4, or 6 you get another turn.


You cannot land on one of your own counters.


If you land on one of the other players counters, you switch places with them (i.e. they move back to the square where you started your go). If they have 2 or more pieces in a row e.g.

 or  etc. you cannot land on them or switch places with them.

If the other player has 3 or more counters in row, you cannot pass them and must stop on the space behind their last counter in the row.

If you can't move any of your pieces, it is the other player's turn.

These 'picture'  squares are safe squares. The other player cannot switch places with you if you are on any of these squares.

This square  is a 'danger' square. If you land on this square, you must move back to square number 15. If there is already a counter on square 15, you must move to the nearest empty square behind it.

The first player to get all of their pieces off the board wins.

Enjoy playing the Ancient Egyptian board game of Senet 😊