



Squirrels The PCG

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What You Need:

A Dice or die: You will Need one or two, to play and use on the Tree Branches. (you can use an Online dice if you don't have one)

Pencil and Color Pencils (crayons if you don't have pencils) To solve the **Maze** and to solve the **Word Puzzle**. And to Draw some Bushes, Tree Leaves, stones and an Hydrant.

Squirrel Facts Sheet: This Sheet will tell you about the Facts of Squirrels, this is your PLAY sheet, use it to ask questions to the players!

Scissors: You can cut out the characters, always ask a grown up to help you with scissors. You might need to, draw some leaves and Stones for the tree, and for the path to the tree and Food, use your imagination!

Scotch Tape (Optional) If you have this, you can use it to place down the images of the bushes, tree leaves and stones that you Draw, This is to cover the animals and other things on the way to the Food. BUT, you can always place them without taping them. Just place them on top of the picture to cover, and when done, take it off to uncover the picture hiding!

A Printer: You can Print the game and characters. They can be black and white or color if you have a color printer. Always ask grown ups to help you print.

What Happens if I don't have a Printer? Or my Printer is not working? You can Draw the Path of the Squirrel!, You can do it any way you want! And for the Squirrel Facts Sheet, you can read them online.

With this Game you will Learn:

Squirrel Facts!

- Learn a little bit about some Squirrel Facts!
- Their Food, predators, Etc!

Game Play and Squirrel Fact Sheet:

Use the **Game Play Sheet** as an Example of what to do or what to expect while playing. (Game Master Instructions) **You need to Prepare the Food Puzzles before you start** Use the **Squirrel Fact Sheet** to read about what you encounter on your Journey to the Food. Choose what options you want and reveal what the player will find behind the bushes, leaves and stones.



A Squirrel
Paper Computer Game



Check the materials and
print the game sheets



Have Fun Playing!



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Game Play

(Game Master Instructions- How to Play)

Start on the page with the Berries and Flowers, the Game Ends when you get to the food and solve the puzzles. Place the food grocery bag in front of the door at the house. (you can use the Food Delivery Truck to “deliver” the food.)

Examples of Game Play:

(Example 1)

You are a Smart Squirrel that saw a grocery bag full of delicious food in front of a house, you want to get there, but there are some obstacles in the way to the food.

Ask the Player:

There is a BUSH with Berries and Flowers,
what do you do?:

A) Take the Berries and Flowers

Player Chooses **Option A**): Ok, you take all the Berries and Flowers, you might need them later.

B) Leave them

Player Chooses **Option B**): You pass the opportunity to take some extra delicious food.

Remember, only tell them the answer AFTER they chose one Option. If the player chose Option A, only tell them answer for A. If they chose Option B, only tell them answer for B. Move the Characters around the page when the player chooses an option.

(Example 2)

Dice / Die

Once you are on the tree, you can use a Dice to randomly select which leaf you will land on and move the character there, Then you will ask if the player wants to: Look behind the leaf or Skip it.

A) Look behind the leaf

Reveal the picture hidden behind the leaf, and read some squirrel facts from the fact sheet.

B) Skip it

Stay on the same place, and Roll again

Read the Facts only if they want to look behind the leaves.

To move FORWARD, the player needs to choose to look behind the leaves in some Spaces.

Food Puzzles: write behind some food Items which puzzle needs to be solved in order to EAT the food before the Person from the house comes out to take it! You can be creative on how to do this, for example use a timer, but it is not necessary.

Squirrel Fact Sheet

(play)

Before you start: Read this to the player aloud!

*You are a **Gray Squirrel**, and you seen a food delivery truck drop some delicious food on the front door of a house, your Journey to get to the groceries starts!*

Berries and Flowers: Berries and Flowers are part of the diet of some squirrels.

There is a BUSH with Berries and Flowers, what do you do?:

A) **Take the Berries and Flowers:** Ok, you take all the Berries and Flowers, you might need them later. Good Choice!

B) **Leave them:** You pass the opportunity to take some extra delicious food. This might cost you later...

Chipmunk: They are a type of squirrel, they feed on insects, Berries, fruit and fungi. To pass this animal offer some food. If Player didn't pick up any food, player must go back for some berries and flowers.

Groundhog/ Woodchuck: Family of Squirrels, they have teeth that grow 1.5 milli meters per week, that is (1/16 Inches) they like to eat grass berries, dandelions, Humans have used them for medical research. To pass this animal, tell it when is Groundhog Day; or tell it which countries celebrate Groundhog Day. (**Groundhog Day** is celebrated in the United States and Canada, February 2nd)

Badger: A Friendly Badger...NO WAY! They are NOT friendly to squirrels; RUN! **Optional:** Challenge the player.

Dog: A Dog saw you and wants to chase you! Perhaps thinks you are a CHEW TOY. What do you do?
(Place behind the Hydrant)

Fox: A Fox was hiding here, He is a predator of squirrels, he jumped and got you! You were a delicious meal for this fox! You Lose! **Save Game-** to continue playing and skip the Fox.
End Game- to stop playing.

Sugar Glider. They Glide from tree to tree, but they are NOT a squirrel. They are a Marsupial, they carry their babies in a small pouch on their bellies. They are family of the possums. Nothing to do here, Roll again.

Varigated Squirrel: This are a type of Squirrel found in Central America; they are diurnal, they like to eat seeds, fruits and insects. To pass this animal you can offer food to this squirrel, or say hello in Spanish (HOLA)

Japanese Dwarf Flying Squirrel: They are Nocturnal, they eat seeds and fruits and tree leaves and bark. They can glide from tree to tree thanks to their extra skin. They use moss for their nests. To pass this animal, say Hello in Japanese, or offer some food. (Konnichiwa)

Squirrel Nest: A squirrel Nest is called a DREY, some squirrels make them on trees and usually have an entrance and an exit. You feel tired and sleepy, do you:

- A) **Go In the Drey:** You took a long nap, the humans got the groceries and now is night and you are hungry. You lost the game.
- B) **Skip the Drey:** Get to the Food! that's important. Good Job!

Hawk: Red Tail Hawk, a predator of squirrels, you became a delicious meal for this animal. You lose!
Save Game- to continue playing and skip the Hawk. **End Game-** to stop playing.

Acorn: You have found an Acorn! You:

- A) **Take it:** Save it in your cheeks, you might need it later.
 - B) **Leave it:** You don't need it, ahead awaits you a better prize!
- (if player leaves it, you might ask for acorns later on when player meets another animal)

BoDv-1 (BornaVirus): oh no! you been exposed to BornaVirus!
BornaVirus is found in some squirrels and can be transmitted to humans and be fatal.
This virus can also affect horses and sheep. **To pass:** Player must say which Species of Squirrel she or he is. (ANSWER: Gray Squirrel)- *See the print under the Title!*- Gray Squirrels are immune to Bornavirus.

Red Squirrel: You tried to befriend this Squirrel, how you will approach?

- A) **Say Hi:** You said Hi, but kept your distance, this is good for both of you, you are now friends. Offer some chestnuts or berries to pass.
- B) **Sniff Squirrel:** You Sniff the squirrel, you offer some Acorns, Red Squirrels CAN NOT eat Acorns, you have made it Sick. You lose the Game.
(Save Game?)

Bird Nest: You found a Bird Nest! Squirrels like to eat eggs sometimes, do you? Eat an egg or Leave it alone?

- A) **Eat egg:** You pass and roll again
- B) **Leave egg alone:** This Nest belongs to a Red Tail Hawk, a predator of squirrels, your future squirrel babies will not be happy about this... (Optional to Save game or Roll again)

Xianshou Linglong: Extinct type of squirrel that lived around 160 million years ago! You can talk to it about anything. Offer some “ghost” food

Bee Hive: You found a Bee Hive, what do you do? Try to get some honey? Leave Honey alone. If you get the honey, the bees will attack you.

Raccoon: You found a Raccoon! This Raccoon is Sick and has Rabies. You get bitten, you have rabies now, you lose! **Save Game:** Make it possible for the player to avoid the racoon or **End Game**

Malabar Giant: One of the biggest types of squirrels known. They live in India and regions near India. They can leap up to 6 meters from tree to tree, that’s a jump of 19 Feet long! **Solve the Word Puzzle** to pass this Squirrel and get to the food!

PUZZLES!

Food Puzzles: write behind some food Items which puzzle needs to be solved in order to EAT the food before the Person from the house comes out to take it!

Watermelon: Solve the Watermelon Puzzle to eat the Watermelon!

Bread: Solve the Grocery Puzzle to get to eat the bread- YUM!

Candy / Chocolate: you get a Tummy Ache! This is not appropriate food for Squirrels!