

The Boredom Game

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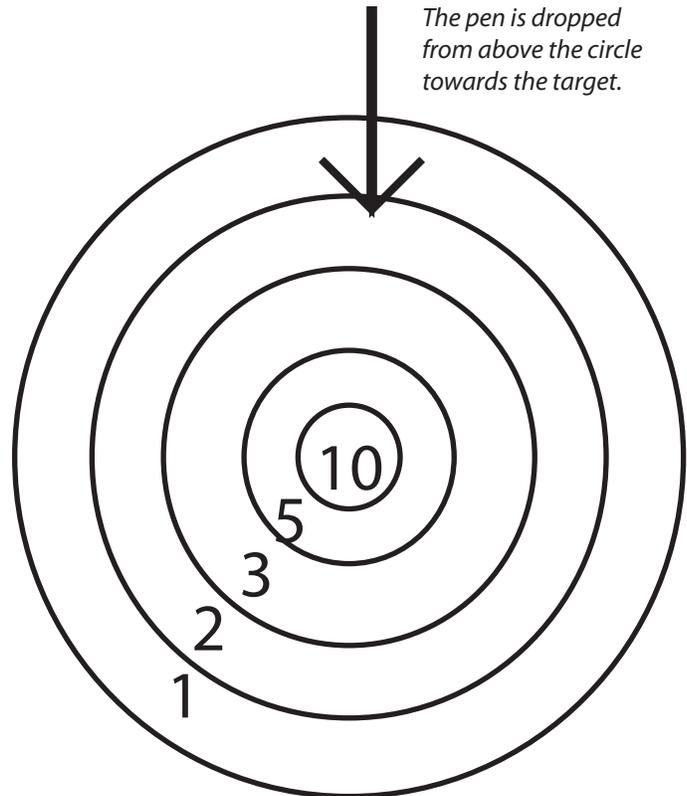
When nothing else seems interesting, there will always be one activity for people to turn to: the boredom game. This simple means of entertainment requires only a piece of paper and a writing utensil, making it perfect for boardroom meetings or college lectures.

To start, the players involved draw a simplistic bulls-eye formation on the paper that includes at least four circles. Each ring is then assigned a point value, with the inner circles receiving the higher numbers and the outer circles the lower. A sample point value is seen at right.

To play, those participating hold the pen point-down and drop it onto the bulls-eye. From a pre-determined height. Where the tip of the pen hits determines how many points the player will get for that specific score; if, for example, the pen marks the ring valued at two, the player would receive two points for that drop.

Most conventional forms of darts scoring work with the boredom game. The players may attempt to take in as many points as possible; or, they may compete until an exact point value is compiled.

More experienced (or bored) players can make



The pen is dropped from above the circle towards the target.

A sample "boredom game diagram. Note the point values for each ring.

the rule that the pen must do a full revolution before striking the page. "Flip hits" can be scored as double or even triple those received with a regular drop. Multiple flips can result in even higher bonuses.

However one chooses to score or tweak it, the boredom game can liven up any dull situation, be it a budget meeting or a fillibuster. All it takes is a pen, a piece of paper and a desire for entertainment.