

How to play Mehen

The aim of the game is to get as many counters as you can around the board and back again, before they get eaten by lions!

The game is for two players.

Each player has 4 counters and 1 lion.

Rules of the game:

1. To begin, take it in turns to roll a die. The first player to roll a 6 can put their first counter onto the first space on the board. The second player can only move onto the first space when they roll a 6.
2. Keep rolling the die! The number you roll is how many spaces you move. Every time you roll a 6, you can add a new counter, if you want to. If you have more than one counter on the board, choose which counter you want to move with each roll.
3. Your aim is to get to the snake's head and back to the start.

You can only get to the head on an exact roll. If you are two spots away and roll a three, move up to the head and then one back.

4. Once your counter has reached the snake head, it moves back to the tail and then off the board. Your counter does not need an exact roll to come off the board.
5. The first player with a counter off the board can release a lion.

You need to roll a 6 to release the lion. You can choose to move the lion or another counter. The lion moves twice as many spaces as a regular counter – for instance if you roll a 2, the lion moves 4 spaces.

6. When your lion jumps over your opponent's counter moving in the opposite direction, your lion 'eats' the counter. Your opponent must remove that counter from play.

The player with the most counters safely off the board wins.

