



PRIVILEGE: An Unfair Game



Have you ever tried to use a can opener with your left hand? Probably not—if you're right-handed. Most tools are made for right-handed people.

Since they rarely have to use their non-dominant hand, right-handed people have some advantages over lefties.

That type of advantage is known as **privilege**. We can have privilege based on race, gender, religion, education, wealth, physical ability, or other factors. People in the

majority, or in groups that hold the most power (such as white, wealthy males in the U.S.), have the clearest privilege.

But privilege isn't always obvious to those who have it. If you're right-handed, you may never have noticed that a can opener was made for you. Racial privilege can be even harder to see. Listen to other people's experiences and keep an open mind when advantages are pointed out. Then try to use any privilege you have to create more justice in our world.

Try these games to see how privilege can change things.



PAPER TOSS PRIVILEGE 4–16 players

To play: Players line up in rows and try to toss crumpled pieces of paper into a recycling bin. One row starts six feet from the bin, and other rows are farther away. Each time a kid makes a basket, they take a step closer. The first one to reach the bin wins.

ALPHABET ADVANTAGE 2+ players

To play: Players run a race, and everyone starts from the same line. Runners whose first names start with the letters A through L get a three-second head start.



SIBLING SUPERIORITY 3+ players

To play: Give each person a piece of paper and tell them to make a star out of it. Only those who have older siblings get to use scissors.



BIRTHDAY BENEFIT 4+ players

To play: Split into pairs and give each pair a water balloon. Kids who have birthdays in July through December have to try to catch their balloon with one hand behind their backs.

