

## The goal of the game

While two players paddle a swan boat in a full circle around Inokashira Park Lake, they must work together at 5 spots to take photos following the instructed poses written on the Theme cards. Avoid the interference of Bentensama, who is intent on breaking up couples on the lake, to take successful photos at all 5 spots in order to clear the game.

## Game setup

Place the end card in the center of your playing area. Shuffle the deck well and place the stack on top of the end card with the pose side face down. Next, thoroughly shuffle the Theme cards and randomly select 5 cards. Place the 5 cards to surround the center stack, Theme side face up.



Decide who will play the girlfriend and boyfriend roles. The girlfriend chooses the starting Theme card position and places the swan piece on the selected card. After each player draws 3 cards from the center stack, the game is ready to be played.

## How to take a photo

### Basic Rules

Check the Theme of the card where the swan piece is placed to see the required poses for a successful photo (e.g. scissors x 4, rock x 2). Draw one card from the top of the center stack and set the card into the playing area with the pose side face up. This card acts as the catalyst for the beginning of the round for a specific photo spot. Use the logic of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" to play a card that will either beat the presently displayed pose card (e.g. if we drew a scissors pose as the first card, we could play either a scissors card or a rock card). Place the card you wish to play slightly overlapping the first card to create a chain. Keep on playing in this manner until the necessary number of poses required (including the initially drawn catalyst card) from the Theme card have been played or until no player can successfully play a card. Then you must turn the Theme card face down and move to the next photo



## The end of the game

When you are unable to play a pose card and therefore are unsuccessful at taking a photo, move to the next photo spot. If there are no cards left in the main stack or if you have come full circle of the lake back to your starting position, the game is officially over. Try to connect your acquired photo cards together. You can

spot. However, it is very important to remember that you must check the newly exposed Bentensama card on the top of the deck before playing any card (see next section) as it will majorly affect the rules for gameplay.

### Playing a card from your hand

Before playing a card from your hand, check the instructions of the Bentensama card currently on the very top of the center stack to decide what cards can be used to cause a win, loss, or draw and what player should act. (Refer to the Explanation of Contents section about Bentensama card types.) After playing a card, immediately draw another card from the center stack. Both players should have 3 cards in their hand at all times.

### Invincible poses and wild cards

When a player collects 3 of the same card in his or her hand, their pose becomes invincible and they can play the 3 cards regardless of Bentensama's instructions or the previously played pose. In addition, the Wild (yeah!) card can be used as any pose and can also be included to create an invincible pose.



complete different panorama photos based on the different Theme cards.

You can get your fortune told from your completed panorama photo!



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## How to begin a Swan Date

Play Time 20min Recommend No. of Players 2 people

### Explanation of Contents

If there are any missing components from your game set, we ask you to please contact us at the email address printed at the top of this sheet.

#### Swan Pieces×2



Includes one spare piece.

#### End Card×1

Place this card at the very bottom of the stack. When this card is drawn, the game is over.



#### Theme Cards×10

If you snap the pose written on the card, your photo was a success.



#### Pose / Bentensama Cards ×59

##### Stack Card Front Side (Pose) Total 4 types



This is the "Rock" pose.



This is the "Scissors" pose.

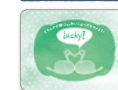


This is the "Paper" pose.



This is a wild card. You can use this card for any pose.

##### Stack Card Back Side (Bentensama) Total 5 types



Bentensama is absent. Both players can play a card from their hand.



Bentensama is watching the boyfriend. Only the boyfriend may play a card from his hand.



Bentensama is watching the girlfriend. Only the girlfriend may play a card from her hand.



Bentensama is angry. You must play a losing pose.



Bentensama is smiling happily. You must play a pose that will result in a draw.

"Benten", or Benzaiten, is the Buddhist goddess of everything that flows: water, time, speech, eloquence, music, knowledge, etc. —Credits to Wikipedia. There is a shrine dedicated to Benten near Inokashira Park Lake in Tokyo.