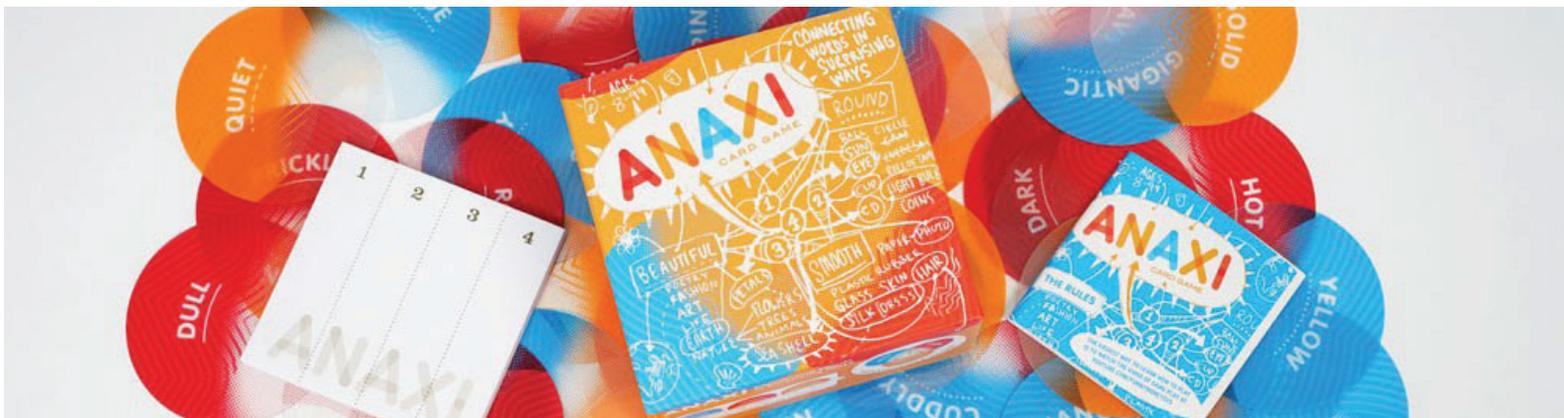


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FUNNYBONE TOYS

Anaxi: Venn diagram word game fun!

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I had a love-hate relationship with grammar school when I was growing up. I hated school but loved going on the days I went to “challenge” class – which was a gifted program where we spent much of our time doing logic puzzles, brainteasers, tangrams, and games. At some point we did a bunch of stuff with Venn diagrams, while I don’t entirely recall what, I’ve always kind of had a soft spot for them. So when Funnybone Toys contacted me about their game Anaxi, a Venn diagram party game, I really wanted to try it out!



A Venn diagram is a visual diagram where you have circles that represent something and where they overlap is where common elements are placed. Keeping that in mind, Anaxi is about coming up with words or things that fit into the overlapping areas. A round begins with 3 circles, 1 of each color, being selected and placed on a numbered circle. The circles are all see-through so you can see the areas that overlap and each area is numbered (see sample below). Each player has a score sheet that’s numbered 1-4, corresponding to the overlapping areas. When time starts players race to list words that fit into those areas of the Venn diagram. So “Green” and “Smooth” overlap in area 1. You’d list words that share those 2 characteristics, like “Glass” and “Snake”. You can also come up with something like “Starbucks Straw” that fits all three characteristics and list that in area 4.

Just as you’d expect, when time is up each player gets points for each unique answer. 1 point for answers in sections 1-3 and 3 points for any unique answer in section 4.

Overall, while this “name things that _____” game style isn’t new, it was fun. The Venn diagram style-mixing was enjoyable and some of the answers were really creative. The only thing we didn’t like was the amount of time we were given. It felt like we were only scratching the surface with the answers we could come up with and everyone listed “low hanging fruit” so we flipped the timer 2x per round and thought our answers improved. (Obviously the scores went up but we adjusted for that too). Testers also felt that Anaxi would be great for family game time.

Anaxi Stats: \$22 | 2-6 players | 5 min+ (how long do you want to play?) | Ages 8+

ABOUT FUNNYBONE TOYS:

While most people love to play games, very few appreciate the “art” that goes into their creation. This is because, for the most part, the art is hidden in the background, secondary to game play. But a new game design company was tired of seeing the art of games taking a back seat to play...so they decided put artwork on equal footing. Funnybone Toys was created in 2011 to provide products that are a true combination of form, function, and beautiful, minimalist design. One of our favorite elements of design is color, so color reigns supreme in every one of our products. We launched Funnybone Muse in 2013, allowing us to offer other items that inspire us, that are outside the toy and game category. Every product that comes out of our design studio will show our company’s commitment to beautiful, minimalist design.