

Philosophy: The Game

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In academic philosophy, it is easy for students to lose track of how important questions in subfields are interrelated. Philosophy: The Game is an educational resource designed to remedy this by providing the opportunity to discuss ‘big questions’ while playing a card game. The question-answer pairs for the game are taken from the recent PhilPapers Survey[1], with some joker cards added to illustrate the impact that solutions to particular problems in the philosophy of mind might have on philosophy at large. The card design via LaTeX/Tikz uses material from the Stack Exchange user ‘Arvid’.[2] (Everyone is welcome to improve this first draft.)

The rules of the game are:

1. all 88 cards are shuffled, each player gets 5 cards, the remaining cards are set up as draw pile
2. the youngest player begins by drawing a card, then giving a card to the player on his left and then placing a card in front of him; now it is the turn of the player on the left
3. the aim is to place a card next to one of your own cards that is already on the table on each turn if possible
4. however, cards may only be placed if they ‘obviously’ (discuss!) match a card that is already there
5. if no more cards can be drawn, the player with the most cards on the table wins

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THE GAME**

A priori knowledge

yes

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
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A priori knowledge

no

main question card

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Abstract objects

Platonism

main question card

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Abstract objects

Nominalism

main question card

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Aesthetic value

Objective

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
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Aesthetic value

Subjective

main question card

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**Analytic-synthetic
distinction**

Yes

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
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**Analytic-synthetic
distinction**

No

main question card

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Epistemic justification

Internalism

main question card

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Epistemic justification

Externalism

main question card

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External world

Idealism

main question card

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External world

Skepticism

main question card

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External world

(non-skeptical) Realism

main question card

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Free will

Compatibilism

main question card

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Free will

Libertarianism

main question card

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Free will

No free will

main question card

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Gender

Biological

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Gender

Psychological

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Gender

Social

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Gender

Unreal

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

God

Theism

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

God

Atheism

main question card

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Knowledge Claims

Contextualism

main question card

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Knowledge Claims

Relativism

main question card

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Knowledge Claims

Invariantism

main question card

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Knowledge

Empiricism

main question card

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Knowledge

Rationalism

main question card

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Laws of nature

Humean

main question card

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Laws of nature

Non-humean

main question card

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Logic

Classical

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Logic

Non-classical

main question card

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Meaning of life

Subjective

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Meaning of life

Objective

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Meaning of life

Nonexistent

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Mental content

Internalism

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Mental content

Externalism

main question card

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THE GAME**

Meta-Ethics

Moral realism

main question card

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Meta-Ethics

Moral anti-realism

main question card

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Metaphilosophy

Naturalism

main question card

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Metaphilosophy

Non-Naturalism

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Mind

Physicalism

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME**

Mind

Non-physicalism

main question card

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Moral judgement

Cognitivism

main question card

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Moral judgement

Non-cognitivism

main question card

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Moral motivation

Internalism

main question card

**PHILOSOPHY:
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Moral motivation

Externalism

main question card

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Normative ethics

Deontology

main question card

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Normative ethics

Consequentialism

main question card

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Normative ethics

Virtue ethics

main question card

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Perceptual experience

Disjunctivism

main question card

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Perceptual experience

Qualia theory

main question card

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Perceptual experience

Representationalism

main question card

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Perceptual experience

Sense-datum theory

main question card

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Personal identity

Biological view

main question card

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Personal identity

Psychological view

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
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personal identity

Further-fact view

main question card

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Political philosophy

Communitarianism

main question card

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Political philosophy

Egalitarianism

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
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Political philosophy

Libertarianism

main question card

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Proper names

Fregean

main question card

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Proper names

Millian

main question card

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Race

Biological

main question card

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Race

Social

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
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Race

Unreal

main question card

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Science

scientific realism

main question card

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Science

scientific anti-realism

main question card

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**Teletransporter
(new matter)**

Survival

main question card

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**Teletransporter
(new matter)**

Death

main question card

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Time

A-theory

main question card

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Time

B-theory

main question card

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Truth

Correspondence

main question card

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Truth

Deflationary

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Truth

Epistemic

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Vagueness

Epistemic

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Vagueness

Metaphysical

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Vagueness

Semantic

main question card

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Zombies

Inconceivable

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Zombies

*Conceivable
but not possible*

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
THE GAME

Zombies

Metaphysically possible

main question card

PHILOSOPHY:
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*A widely accepted
reductionist explanation
of conscious experience*

Joker card

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reductionist explanation
of conscious experience*

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A solution to the

Interaction problem

Joker card

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A solution to the

Interaction problem

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A solution to the

Combination problem

Joker card

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A solution to the

Combination problem

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PHILOSOPHY:
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A solution to the

Emanation problem

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A solution to the

Emanation problem

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Joker card

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