

Ovisopoly

Playing Cards



You and other bighorn in your family group find good places to forage for food.

Move ahead 4 tracks.

Your excellent eyesight allows you to see a human coming from almost a mile away. You climb up steep cliffs until you feel safe.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

The color of your hairs are amazing camouflage and a mountain lion walks by without seeing you.

Move ahead 3 spaces.

It is fall and you find a mate.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

Your ears become infested with mites. As a result, you cannot hear a mountain lion sneaking up on you and are unable to get away in time. He wounds you.

Go back 5 tracks.

It recently rains and fills a pothole in a rock with water.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

You are alarmed by a noise below the cliffs you sit on. You start bolting away and the ewes and lambs with you follow.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

Over the past year 6 new houses are built in your territory. Loss of space makes you stressed and you become sick.

Move back 3 spaces.

After two weeks without water, and only getting water from the plants you eat, you find a guzzler and are able to drink some nice water.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

You and a lamb in your group find shelter in a cave to cool off from the heat.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

A lamb that was hanging out with you and other sheep fell prey to a golden eagle.

Move back 4 tracks.

As you cross a mountain highway to get from one mountain range to another you almost get hit by a car.

Move back 3 tracks.

You become stressed and nervous because of the recent increase of cars and people who come out to view wildlife, including you. You and your group are forced to move to another area.

Move back 2 tracks.

A domestic sheep rancher has a few sheep get loose and they come into your territory. Many of your herd catches diseases and your population crashes.

Move back 6 tracks.

A biologist net guns you from a helicopter and moves you to a new territory to re-establish a herd where bighorns once lived.

Move ahead 5 tracks.

Domesticated sheep are moved out of your territory and your herd's population grows from 23 to 213 in ten years.

Move ahead 4 tracks.

Biologists catch you and place a satellite collar around your neck and release you. They can now track your location to learn about your habits.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

You catch a disease from a domesticated sheep and get pneumonia. The coughing eventually kills you.

Move back to start.

Volunteers team up with the local department of wildlife to build a guzzler to catch rain and store it. This will help you and other animals in dry times.

Move ahead 4 tracks.

During the fall rut (mating season) you butt horns with another ram until he gives up in exhaustion. You now have a choice of mates.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

You lose a head-butting contest and will not mate this year.

Move back 1 track.

A poacher (person without a hunting license) shoots you illegally.

Move back to start.

You outrun a mountain lion who's chasing you across a rocky hillside at 30 miles per hour.

Move ahead 3 tracks.

A two-year drought makes it hard to find enough food. You are forced to move to find a better habitat.

Move back 1 track.

Frightened by a predator, you run blindly and fall off a small cliff. You break a leg.

Move back 5 tracks.

You spend the cool evening playing with other lambs, leaping and scampering around the cliffs.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

Hunting license application fees raise enough money for biologists to do a multiple-year study of the sheep in your area.

Move ahead 4 tracks.

One hunting permit for a bighorn ram is auctioned off for \$72,000 this year! This pays for wildlife experts to study and manage your herd for the whole year.

Move ahead 3 tracks.

By counting the rings (annuli) on your massive horns, a biologist can tell that you are 13 years old, which is very old for a bighorn sheep.

Move ahead 3 tracks.

Fewer deer this year means that more mountain lions will prey on your herd more than usual. Your population drops.

Move back 2 tracks.

A game bridge is built where wildlife such as deer, elk, and bighorns can cross over busy highways during their migrations. This will save many bighorns over the years.

Move ahead 4 tracks.

A fundraising banquet by a local hunting organization raises \$64,000. They give half of this to help enhance your habitat and use the rest to educate local domestic sheep ranchers of diseases their sheep can give wild sheep.

Move ahead 3 tracks.

Research is funded by the Wild Sheep Foundation for another year to try to determine ways to stop pneumonia outbreaks caused by bacteria from domestic sheep. Hopefully a cure is close!

Move ahead 2 tracks.

A wild fire caused by a human throwing a cigarette down has burned 1/4 of your territory.

Move back 3 tracks.

The valley your herd has migrated to over the centuries has seen an increase of humans building homes. You have less winter habitat.

Move back 2 tracks.

A local conservation group volunteers to gather local seed and pay for a helicopter to spread it over an area that burned up in a wild fire last year. You should have more to eat soon.

Move ahead 2 tracks.

You attempt to cross a highway to get to some habitat on the other side. Luckily, no vehicles were coming and you cross safely.

Move ahead 3 spaces.

A local rancher learns of the importance of keeping domestic sheep and wild sheep separate, so diseases can't spread. He works with officials to move his herd to where no wild sheep are.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

Most of the young lambs in your herd survive their first year from being eaten by predators such as mountain lions and golden eagles. It appears your herd's population is growing.

Move ahead 5 spaces

An old hunter who loved spending time with wild critters passed away. He left in his will \$500,000 to go toward bighorn sheep conservation, the animal he most loved to observe in the wild.

Move ahead 5 spaces

The man-made water catchment system called a guzzler was filled up by recent rains. The water tastes so good to drink.

Move ahead 3 spaces

A mountain lion was sneaky enough to get close to you. He jumped on your back, but somehow you got away. Although you will have scars from the attack, you survived.

Move ahead 2 spaces

A mountain lion attempts to sneak up on you. Having your eyes on the side of your head allows you to see almost on both sides of you. His movement is seen and you run off, saving yourself.

Move ahead 3 spaces

Your state's wildlife agency received money from the Pittsman-Robertson Act, which taxes hunters when they buy firearms, bows, and other hunting equipment. The money from those hunters is used to build a game crossing bridge over the highway, helping to keep you from being hit by vehicles.

Move ahead 4 spaces

Your day begins with a helicopter flying right over you, shooting a net onto you. You realize you are being moved, along with 14 other sheep, to a mountain range where sheep use to live 150 years ago. By moving you, you are helping to reestablish a new herd in your state.

Move ahead 2 places

It has been a long time since it has rained to fill up local ponds. You also can't find a human-made guzzler that catches and stores rain water. You are very thirsty.

Move back 2 spaces

Extremely cold weather comes in from the north for several days. Your hollow hairs on your body help insulate you and keep you warm.

Move ahead 3 spaces.

You were a sheep captured and moved to a mountain range where sheep haven't lived in 90 years. Besides helping to re-establish a sheep herd where they historically lived, you have also been given a GPS collar to help scientists learn more about your movements.

Move ahead 4 spaces.

It has been a very dry summer and many of the plants you would normally eat are not growing very well. You are not as healthy as you have been the last 6 years.

Move back 2 spaces

The many rainstorms this past month have provided water for plants to grow very well. You are able to eat well and you are healthier than you have been in the past 2 years.

Move ahead 4 spaces

You have been a very lucky bighorn so far in your life. You have out-smarted predators, been steady on cliffs, haven't caught any diseases, and have lived to be over 10 years old. With most sheep not living over 12 in the wild, you know you are one of the biggest and smartest sheep on the mountain.

Move ahead 6 spaces

You were having an average day, but then a predator chased you. Although you escaped, you used up much of your energy. You might not have the energy required to outrun if attacked again later in the day. Lose a turn.

Money spent from buying hunting licenses in your state raised enough money to hire another game warden in your state. This extra game warden's presence will help encourage less poaching (those who shoot animals illegally, without a hunting license). Move ahead 2 spaces.

A family from another state plans a vacation to come to the state you live in, as sheep don't live in their state. Their entire trip is based around hoping to see bighorn sheep so they can take beautiful photos of them. They spend money in restaurants and hotels in a nearby town, helping the economy. You are one of the sheep they take photos of. Move ahead 4 spaces.