

Ventures to Vultures

Basic Version

Game Resources

- *Ventures2Vultures cards*
- *Investor bills*
- *Whiteboards or paper and markers*

Getting Started

- Form groups of 5 (see below for larger or smaller teams)
- Distribute 10 bills to each player
- Shuffle the V2V cards and place them face down in the middle of the table
- Four individual whiteboards, markers and tissue or erasers (paper and markers may substitute)

Object of the game

Make the most money by pitching and investing in new business ideas.

How to Play:

One person is the INVESTOR. This role passes to the next person in subsequent rounds, so everyone is an INVESTOR once.

The INVESTOR flips over two V2V cards and serves as the timer while the other players each create a pitch on a whiteboard based on the combination of the two V2V cards. (There are extra cards in case an INVESTOR feels the combination is too hard or too easy.)

At the end of 60 seconds, players, in turn, give 30-second pitches. The INVESTOR turns around to decide which pitch has the most investor appeal. While the INVESTOR'S back is turned, the other players each invest one bill in the pitch they think the INVESTOR will choose. Place these bills under the whiteboards so the INVESTOR cannot see them.

When everyone has invested, the INVESTOR turns around and gives FIVE bills to the player who gave the winning pitch. This is the Venture capital. The winning player reveals if there is any Vulture money hidden under his or her board and returns those bills PLUS one of the INVESTOR'S bills to the player(s) who invested correctly.

Money under the other boards is kept by the owner of that board.

The winner is the player with the most Bills at the end of five rounds.

Players make money by winning pitches (Venture bills) *and* correctly investing (Vulture bills) in a round. The most any player may have at the end of five rounds is 30 bills. The least is 1.

Variations

For teams of 4 and faster play, each player receives 8 bills. The INVESTOR gives 4 bills to the winning pitch in a round. All other directions still apply.

For teams of 6 and longer play, each player receives 12 bills. The INVESTOR gives 6 bills to the winning pitch in a round. All other directions still apply.