

# Nutrient Cycles Game Cards



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Move ahead 2 spaces.



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You became plant food with the help of tiny bacteria located on roots. Move ahead 1 space.




You were dinner for these fungi.

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and spat you out!**

**Move ahead  
2 spaces.**



**You became nutrients for plants<sup>™</sup>  
with the help of tiny bacteria on roots.**

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**AS A GLORIOUS PIECE OF  
SOIL, YOU HELP NOURISH  
GIANT TREES.**

**MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.**



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**You took flight with this  
butterfly!**



**Move ahead  
1 space.**



**ANTS MARCH OVER YOU.  
YOU BECOME PART OF THE SOIL.**

**MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.**



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**ANTS MARCH OVER YOU.  
YOU BECOME PART OF THE SOIL.  
MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.**



*You caught a free ride  
on these bees'  
antennae!*

*Move ahead  
2 spaces.*



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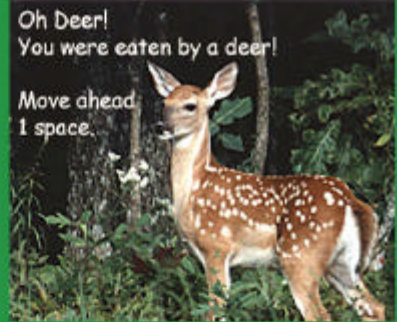
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This bear ate the berries you were in for breakfast.  
Move ahead 1 space.



This bear ate a lot of berries. He passed along what was left over, providing extra nutrients to the ecosystem. Move ahead 4 spaces.



Oh Deer!  
You were eaten by a deer!

Move ahead 1 space.



THIS BIG-EYED OWL SPIES YOU. LOOKS LIKE A MOUSY MEAL FOR HIM!

YOU MOVE AHEAD 2 SPACES

(You) →

Once you were this little prairie dog.

Now, you are stored energy inside a wolf's belly.

Move ahead 3 spaces



You were excreted by this deer!

Move ahead 5 spaces



You were dinner for these fungi.

Move ahead 2.



CHILDREN PLAYING OUTSIDE TURNED YOU INTO PART OF THE SOIL BY BREAKING UP LEAVES. MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.



You were dinner for these fungi.

Move ahead 2.

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